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## Kilili warns of 'difficult' food stamp program conversion

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan warned that a proposal to ensure that CNMI

residents get the same food aid as their fellow Americans would be "difficult at best, if not impossible" without the Fitial administration's full agreement and co-

Sablan, in an Aug. 4 letter to Gov. Be- 1465, which the delegate said was supnigno R. Fitial, said it is "disheartening" to hear reports that the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs secre- CNMI to be covered by the national tary does not support the delegate's H.R.

ported by the governor.

Sablan's H.R. 1465 would allow the See KILILI on Page 4

# This time, it's betel nut thefts

### » As high as \$500 worth of betel nuts stolen each time

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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ommonwealth farmers are experiencing big losses due to the rampant stealing of betel nuts in their farms and backyards, according to Isidoro Cabrera, president of the Saipan Sabalu Market Association.

Cabrera told Saipan Tribune on Friday that betel nut stealing is reaching an "alarming" rate among farmers.

At his family's farm alone on Capital Hill, an estimated \$400 to \$500 worth of betel nuts is being stolen each time. Just this year alone, he said his family noted several instances where their betel nut produce is being

Almost all farmers, he said, have reported the same incidents happening at their farms and can't do anything about it because burglars usually can enter the property unnoticed.

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### Lt. governor's wife, Ling, passes away

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial ordered yesterday all U.S. and CNMI flags to fly at half staff and announced a state of mourning for the passing of Dolores Agulto Inos, the wife of Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Mrs. Inos, fondly known as "Ling," passed away on Saturday at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center in the Philippines at around 2am, or 4am Saipan time. She was 63.

Many described Mrs. Inos as a "fighter" for having endured a long battle with an illness.

"She's a fighter," Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) said yesterday.

Palacios said the lieutenant governor

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### Sources: Fitial to name Camacho as new judge

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will appoint former House floor leader and practicing attorney Joseph James Norita Camacho as a Superior Court associate judge, sources close to the governor disclosed over

Sources said that Fitial and Camacho met last week to discuss the issue of filling the vacancy on the Superior Court bench following the recent confirmation of Ramona V. Manglona as chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

"It is expected that the governor will issue a formal announce-

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### SAIPAN AT NIGHT

The view from Navy Hill on Saturday night shows one of the military prepositioning ships in the Saipan lagoon and the western district of Garapan where most tourism accommodations are located. Tourism arrivals to the CNMI dropped by 17 percent or from 28,372 in June last year to only 23,604 in June this year as the islands continue to feel the negative effects of the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis in Japan, the Marianas Visitors Authority says.

### Local

### **REGARDLESS OF NATIONAL ORIGIN**

### Wage survey will cover employees that don't have H visas

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With the exception of those who are already holding H visas, all private and public sector employees in the CNMI regardless of national origin are covered by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's ongoing 2011 survey of wages, salaries, and benefits.

The Chamber said it received a definitive response from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Foreign Labor Certification as to the inquiry on which CNMI employees should be in-

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cluded in the survey polling.

director of the Chamber, said

covered are all private and public sector employees, and all job classifications regardless of national origin.

Chamber president Douglas Brennan also made this clarifica- Pierce tion during the Aug. 3 general membership meeting.

"If you have a U.S. visa [employment visa] right now, you are not to be included in the survey. Everybody else gets in-

cluded, whether you are from Richard Pierce, executive the FSM, Filipino nationals, Korean nationals. If you are

> an employee and you're in a job position, we want to know what your title is and what your rate of pay is," Brennan told Saipan Tribune in an interview.

Pierce said the number of survey forms distributed is now over 300 and growing.

The Chamber, which contracted the Guam Employers Council to perform the actual

wage survey, received a \$16,150 U.S. Department of the Interior technical assistance grant to support the survey.

The survey results can be used to establish prevailing wage rate determinations for CNMI employers applying for federal employment visas for existing and future foreign workers.

The Chamber expects to produce reports that will protect the local work force, as well as provide employers prevailing wage rates that truly reflect current conditions in the CNMI—not the mainland, Hawaii, or Guam.

### Betel nut production 'dormant'

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The Commonwealth's production of betel nut is currently "dormant," resulting in the importation of a significant amount of the product from neighboring islands, according to agriculture specialist Isidoro Cabrera yesterday.

At present, Saipan markets are importing betel nuts from Yap and Phonpei, at a much higher price.

He said the low or inactive production is mainly due to the traditional off-season for the produce, which started in March up to this month. This off-season may be extended depending on the weather condition of the island

Another factor is the bud-rot disease, a fungi infection that is still prevalent in many of the islands' betel nut trees, he said. Cabrera said the rainy season and the windy conditions are contributing to the spread of the disease to healthy betel nut trees.

The Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services

program was allocated \$10,000 in 2005 for a program that will help eradicate the fungi in betel nut trees. The amount served as the program's revolving fund that Cabrera said is still active to date.

Farmers pay 15 cents for every betel nut tree treated. The money goes directly to the revolving fund. Since 2004, Cabrera said that thousands of betel nut trees with bud-rot disease have already been treated on Saipan.

Despite the low production, the demand for betel nuts continues to increase. A major reason for the increase is the growing number of persons chewing betel nut, particularly students in public schools, he said.

"We've seen a lot of young students in the elementary starting to chew betel nut," he said.

Cabrera earlier said that betel nut production and export could be a promising new industry for the CNMI if production is properly developed. He believes it could bring in an estimated \$9 million annually if properly produced and marketed.



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### PSS outdoor science summer camp a big success

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The CNMI Public School System marked a historic success with its first-ever outdoor science summer enrichment program that ended Friday.

The program, which ran from June 27 through Aug. 5, saw the involvement of 82 students from all elementary public schools on Saipan, composed mainly of fifth and sixth graders. Classes were split into two locations: San Vicente and Oleai elementary schools.

In a ceremony at the American Memorial Park on Friday, participating classes did a video presentation of what they did throughout the six-week event.

According to Janelle Rivera, acting team leader and program coordinator, it was their prime objective to make learning about science fun and exciting for students and was convinced that PSS has achieved this goal. She attributed this success to the collaboration of teachers and the administrations of both San Vicente and Olei schools as well as to the interns of the Workforce Investment Agency who assisted.

Rivera specifically cited SVES science teacher Valrick Welch for providing hands-on learning to all class participants from day one.

The students went on three to four field trips weekly for hands-on learning, then spent some time in the classroom to discuss and review the lessons learned from the field trips. On Friday, each class presented their "movie" production, highlighting the favorite things that they learned.

For 10-year-old Christopher Bernardo of Dandan Elementary School, visiting Mañagaha Island gave him a better understanding of what soil erosion means. Plants and small rocks are among the best ways to eliminate soil erosion, he learned.

Bernardo was also amazed to see the different fish species they found on Managaha. "It was a fun and exciting summer experience for me," he said, expressing confidence that what he learned will help him in the new school year.

According to Rivera, the science enrichment program not only provides fun outdoor activities but also used PSS bench-

marks and standards that help prepare students in their science lessons for the next grade.

Prior to the six-week program, students were pre-tested to measure their science learning. A post-test was also done as the summer program ended to measure how much they've learned.

Primo Agbehi, an incoming fifth grader at Oleai Elementary School, said he is confident that he will do better in science this new school year, thanks to the summer program that helped him appreciate the importance of knowing about living and non-living things.

Agbehi said the trip to Wing Beach was among the exciting and memorable places he visited. He said he was amazed to see and learn about sea turtles and their nesting process.

Besides fifth and sixth graders, some special education students were also part of the summer outdoor activities. In the video presentations, they were seen hiking and doing other activities.

Among the hands-on lessons provided to 82 summer campers were alternative energy, erosion,

marine debris and turtle nesting, and tilapia dissection.

There were two classes that

took place in Oleai while four classes were held at the San Vicente school.



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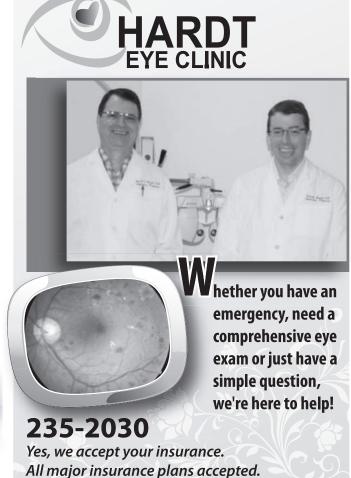
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## UOG professor receives grant to control sweet potato weevil

The warm humid conditions of the tropics make it tough for farmers to keep their crops pest free. For sweet potato growers in Micronesia, the sweet potato weevil seems to defy efforts to control its population. Some farmers have been applying toxic pesticides in an effort to control the weevils but they have not been successful. Since the grubs bore inside the tubers, the chemicals do not affect the immature stages. The sweet potato weevil is a year round pest under warm conditions and even small populations can cause severe damage to the tubers.

University of Guam scientist Dr. Gadi V.P. Reddy has received a \$75,000 Conservation Innovation Grant from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to help growers in the region using an integrated control strategy that will control the weevils and eliminate the use of toxic pesticides.

Reddy is applying Integrated Pest Management techniques to reduce the numbers of weevils in farmer's fields. He has been developing effective trapping methods that utilize scents attractive to weevils (pheromones) and lethal fungi to control weevil populations. Before the weevils can say, "There's

a fungus among us," they are infected with a fungus that can seriously disable and eventually kill them. These integrated control tactics are environmentally friendly and target a specific insect: the sweet potato weevil, Cylas formicarius.

This NRCS grant will fund Reddy's research into developing efficient pheromone traps for catching weevils that will contain Petri dishes with fungal spores (Beauveria bassiana and Metarhizium anisopliae). The weevils that visit the traps will be infected with the fungus and in turn infect the weevils in

"The IPM research conducted by Dr. Reddy and his team at the Western Pacific Tropical Research Center posi-

> A sweet potato weevil trap.

tively impacts sustainable agriculture in the region and beyond," says Greg Wiecko, WPTRC associate director.

Reddy is a chemical ecologist and entomologist with over 25 years of experience in entomological research and has a strong background in Integrated Pest Management, biocontrol, and be-

havioral, and chemical ecology. He serves as subject editor for the journals, Environmental Entomology and Annals of the Entomological Society of America and as Associate Editor for Florida Entomologist. He is also co-author of the book Biological Control of Tropical Weeds using Arthropods, which was recently published by Cambridge University Press. (*UOG*)

### **CLARIFICATION**

In the Aug. 5 issue, the front-page caption stated that visiting students from Korea were on Saipan as part of the Western International School of Excellence's summer program. The students are only staying at the WISE facility, but were hosted and brought here by Marianas Hands.

### KILILI

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP, instead of by the nutritional assistance block grant that the CNMI annually negotiates.

"This change will mean that everyone in the Northern Marianas who needs food aid will get it, and that the help they get is the same as their fellow Americans throughout the nation," Sablan told Fitial.

The Fitial administration has yet to respond to Sablan's letter, and comment on media inquiries.

Sablan said USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack also has the statutory authority to extend SNAP on his own without congressional action, but this also needs the cooperation and agreement of the CNMI government.

The delegate said the DCCA secretary has direct, day-to-day interaction with the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service "and if he is not agreeing with you [governor] and working toward the goal of bringing the Northern Mariana Islands into the national program, then Agriculture officials are going to be reluctant to advise Secretary Vilsack to agree to my request and move forward on including our people in SNAP."

"If we are to succeed at helping everyone who is hungry, then we need for the Commonwealth government to engage with the Department of Agriculture on a serious and professional level," Sablan told the governor.

DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao

said some 500 individuals have been on the food stamp waitlist because of lack of funds since May, the same time when DCCA announced a reduction of 34.6 percent in food stamp benefits to enable the program to accommodate more beneficiaries.

This early, Sablan is asking the Fitial administration to consider some of the changes that will be necessary when the CNMI is included in SNAP either through legislative or administrative

One of the needed changes is the use of an electronic benefit transfer system, not the paper coupons that the CNMI now uses

Sablan said the Congressional Research Service has estimated that the conversion to SNAP will bring an additional \$12 million to \$24 million into the CNMI economy.

The delegate also asked the governor to provide him with all of the data regarding the current food stamp program that the DCCA secretary employs in his negotiations with USDA.

"You can understand that having this official information at my disposal will allow me to be more persuasive in arguing for an immediate short-term increase in the block grant and for our long-term inclusion in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program," he added.

Sablan also said in his four-page letter that despite his letters since 2009 pointing out ways to improve the food stamp memorandum of understanding between the CNMI government and USDA, he has not received a reply.

## Bill seeks to remedy National Guard housing allowance disparity

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo recently joined Rep. Dave Lobesack of Iowa in introducing a bill that would provide members of the National Guard with the appropriate Basic Allowance for Housing or Overseas Housing Allowance when transitioning between active duty and full time National Guard duty without a break in service. Under current policy, a National Guardsman who makes this transition will be paid the BAH or OHA based of their home of record and not their permanent duty assignment station. This could drastically reduce the amount of BAH or OHA that a servicemember is entitled to when transitioning.

"This bill addresses a disparity in the application of housing allowance pay to members of the National Guard," said Bordallo. "These men and women serve our nation and dedicate their lives in support of our national security—the least we can do is pay them fairly. The current policy regarding housing allowances creates a financial burden for Guardsmen and their families at a time when our National Guard units are stressed by multiple deployments. They should receive housing allowances based on their permanent duty station location. I am working with Congressman Dave Lobesack to advance this bill in the House."

"The National Guard plays a criti-

seas and protecting our communities here at home," said Lobesack. "Many Guardsmen have been deployed multiple times over the last ten years even as we continue to call on them to respond to disasters such as the storms and flooding that have hit Iowa. We must provide them and their families with the resources and support they deserve, not reduce their housing benefits at a time when they can least afford it. I am proud to have introduced this legislation with Congresswoman Bordallo to ensure that our National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and families receive the benefits they have earned." (PR)

cal role in defending our country over-

"I have known the lieutenant governor and his family for decades. Ling was truly a remarkable woman with a deep appreciation for her husband and

children," Fitial said. Fitial ordered all U.S. and CNMI flags to fly at half staff until the end of the funeral day.

"She was a loving wife of 40 years, a gentle and caring mother to her six children and a beloved grandmother to her seven grandchildren. She will be missed tremendously," the governor added.

The Office of the Governor statement did not specify Mrs. Inos' illness. Senate President Paul Manglona

(Ind-Rota) said the people of Rota extend their condolences to the lieutenant governor and the whole family.

"It's been a long, difficult struggle

for the lieutenant governor, his wife and their children. We join the family in their prayers," he added.

Mrs. Inos worked as an accountant for 30 years at the Town House Department Store before retiring to spend time with her grandchildren and do things she loved dearly, such as stitching, gardening and cooking, the Fitial administration said.

Nightly Mass of intention is now being offered at San Vicente Church at 6pm, immediately followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

The Fitial administration said details regarding funeral arrangements and the arrival of Mrs. Inos' remains—accompanied by her husband, the lieutenant governor, and their daughters-will be announced in the coming days.

### **BETEL NUT**

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At the same time, farmers do not report these incidents to the authorities, Cabrera said, because they believe that betel nut stealing won't get priority action from the police.

Many of the thieves even cut the trees to make it easier for them to harvest the betel nuts. Cabrera said this is the farmers' main concern because they may lose all their trees to burglars and, once the trees are cut, their production will also cease.

Rota and Tinian farmers are also experiencing the same incidents, he

Cabrera believes the economic hardship being experienced by families on the islands and the high unemployment are behind the increasing number of stealing incidents in farms. "It's very easy to sell the stolen produce to the stores...compared to other items and property."

### **Money-making business**

as much as \$100,000 gross income per month just from betel nut produce. A tree can bear five to six bunches a year and one bunch can generate up to \$75.

"This is a fast money-making business and it helps many of our farmers. Imagine a farmer owning 10 or 20 betel nut trees. Just from this produce alone, they can earn as much as \$100,000 per month," said Cabrera, adding that this is why more and more people are planting betel nut trees, even in their backyards.

During peak season, farmers sell their betel nuts in stores for \$1 for every 12 pieces. During off-season, the price goes up to \$1 for every six pieces.

The months of August to January are considered the peak season for betel nut production on the islands. Cabrera admitted that one major reason of the increase in demand for betel nut production is the growing number of persons chewing betel nut.

"We've seen a lot of young students, in their elementary, starting to chew betel nut...and we believe that's one major reason for the high demand nowadays," he said.

### CAMACHO

and the entire family.

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has also been a strong man.

"The lieutenant governor has al-

ways put a straight face but deep inside

we know he's hurting and he's going

through a lot, but he's strong for his

wife and his whole family," he added.

Palacios and House floor leader George

The governor, in a statement vester-

day, said he and first lady Josie Fitial,

along with the members of his Cabinet,

join the people of the Commonwealth

in extending their deepest condolences

to the lieutenant governor, his children

Camacho (Ind-Saipan) both extended their condolences to the Inos family.

ment soon to nominate attorney Joseph Camacho for the vacancy," one source said.

When asked for comment yesterday, Camacho said that if he is nominated, he will "of course be very honored to serve the CNMI in such a prestigious and honorable capacity."

"As the governor has yet to make a public and formal nomination, I will reserve from making additional comments at this time," Camacho said.

Camacho ran for lieutenant governor in 2009 under the ticket of Juan Guerrero. In the succeeding runoff election, he threw his support behind Fitial, giving Fitial the much needed votes to win re-election.

Camacho ran for U.S. Delegate in 2010 under the Covenant Party, but came in second behind Gregorio Kilili Sablan.

He was an instrumental member of Fitial's Blue Ribbon Committee that successfully merged and transitioned Fitial and other Covenant Party members to the Republican Party.

"Attorney Camacho has an uncanny political talent to turn defeat into victory. He always seems to end up on the winning side," another source said.

Last Wednesday, by a vote of 8-0 the Senate passed an initiative reducing the number of associate judges from at least four to three. The CNMI Constitution requires one presiding judge and at least four associate judges.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind- Rota), the initiative's author, stated that there are fewer cases being filed in court in the past several years and the CNMI government is in bad financial shape. He said the demand for at least four associate judges can no longer be justified.

Cabrera disclosed that a farmer can earn

### District court OKs delay in ex-cop's trial

The federal court has granted the prosecution's and defense counsel's request to delay the jury trial of a former police officer who faces charges of using excessive force while making a false arrest of two men when he was still with the Department of Public Safety.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W.

Bennett said the trial of Francisco S. Pangelinan, which was set to begin on Aug. 22, 2011, will be postponed to a date that will be set in a separate order.

"I am satisfied from the representations of the parties during the telephonic conference that the ends of justice served by continuing the trial outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial," said Bennett in an order issued Thursday.

He said the prosecution and the defense have both demonstrated that they want and need a continuance to conduct further trial preparations, particularly in relation to Pangelinan's expert, owing to circumstances beyond their control, and recent disclo-

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sure of additional information to

Bennett said a delay of the tri-

al in this case to Nov. 1, 2011, is

both necessary and reasonable.

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approved the appointment of an

the defendant.

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defense of Pangelinan. Pangelinan was indicted on

three counts of deprivation of rights under color of law. He has pleaded not guilty.

According to the indict-

investigator and expert for the ment, on July 6, 2010, Pangelinan sprayed pepper mace into the eyes of two men, resulting in bodily injury. He allegedly arrested one of them without probable cause. (Ferdie de la Torre)

### UOG's TRIO Educational Talent Search gets \$1.6M

MANGILAO. Guam—The University of Guam's TRIO Programs was awarded \$1.6 million to continue its Educational Talent Search Program, which aims to serve 738 middle and high school students on Guam.

According to Yoichi K. Rengiil, UOG TRIO Programs director, the U.S. Department of Education has approved its grant application for the next five years. The annual grant award will be in the amount of \$338,330 and will

serve George Washington High School, John F. Kennedy High School, Okkodo High School, Simon Sanchez High School, Southern High School and Vicente Benavente Middle School.

Revisions in the new federal TRIO regulations based on the U.S. Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 led to program changes that required greater emphasis in high school age appropriate services.

"Unfortunately we were not

able to include all the public middle schools in this grant application," said Rengiil.

Schools in Chuuk that were an extension of the program since 1995 will also cease services and operation on Aug. 31, 2011.

The new grant cycle will commence on Sept. 1, 2011, and aims to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education. (UOG)





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### Cop sprays two men with pepper mace for fighting



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A police officer used pepper mace to separate an ex-convict and his brother-in-law who were fighting after a drinking session at a residence in Dandan Thursday night.

Gregorio Teregeyo and Danis Dmson were arrested for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and obstructing justice.

At a hearing on Friday afternoon, Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos imposed a \$150 cash plus \$1,350 unsecured bond each for the defendants' temporary liberty.

Inos found probable cause to continue Teregeyo's and Dmson's detention after listening to the testimony of detective Catherine B. Pangelinan.

Assistant attorney general Eileen Wisor called to the witness stand Pangelinan, who explained the circumstances leading to the defendants' arrest.

Police investigation showed that police officers responded to a tin house located on Deskonsa Street in Dandan after receiving a report about some people fighting.

When officers Jesus S. Cepeda and Rhonda C. John arrived at the scene, they saw many people yelling at each other.

The officers later saw Dmson

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pushing Daniel K. Santos on the chest. As Dmson tried to punch Santos, police officer Stanley Patris, who also responded, held Dmson's right arm.

The officers had a hard time separating Santos and Dmson. During the struggle, officer Cepeda applied a burst of pepper mace on Dmson's face.

Teregeyo, however, came running and allegedly punched Dmson in the back of head.

Officer Cepeda shouted at Teregeyo to back off, but Teregeyo allegedly continued punching Dmson in the head.

Officer Cepeda sprayed pepper mace on Teregeyo's face, prompting him to stop attacking Dmson.

Teregeyo and Dmson were later handcuffed and brought to the Department of Corrections.

In January 2007, then Superior Court associate judge Juan T. Lizama sentenced Teregeyo to six months in prison for burglarizing the Hakubotan Building in San Jose where he and two co-defendants stole copper wires in February 2006. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## Jobs program for elderly gets \$330K

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa\_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

The CNMI State Plan Application for program year 2011 for the Senior Community Employment Service Program or the Title V Program under the Office on Aging has been recently approved.

Secretary Melvin Faisao of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs said the approved grant is \$330,000.

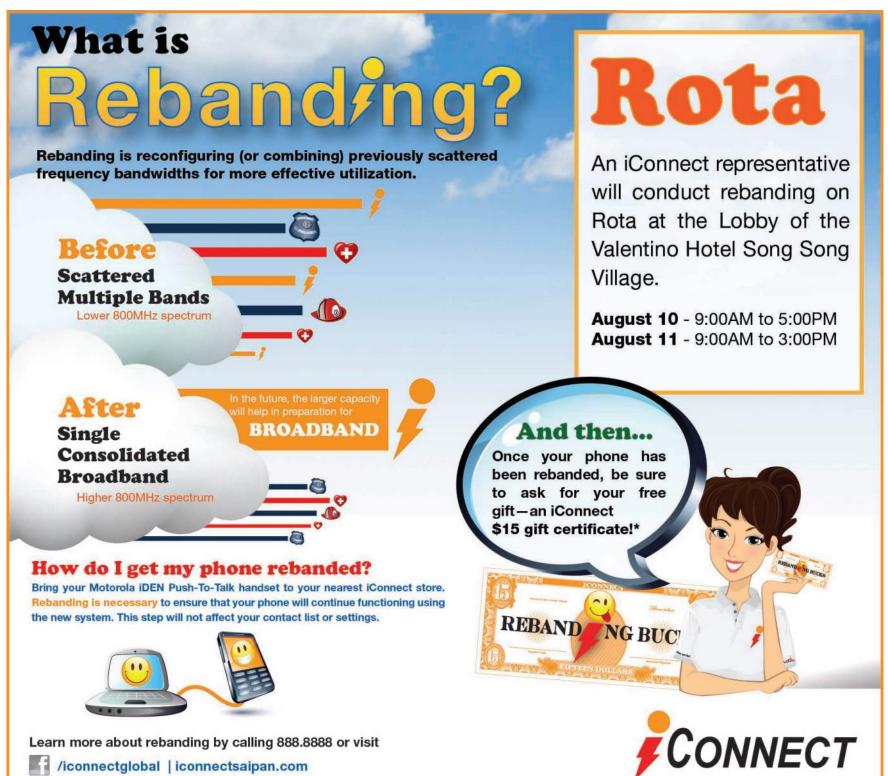
Faisao noted, however, that the amount is \$100,000 lower than the previous approved state plan from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, the grantor office, due to the continuing budget resolution of the U.S. Congress.

"The CNMI will now develop an alternative approach in order that the program will not be affected from this latest allocation of funds pursuant to the Continuing Resolution status," he said via email.

According to Faisao, the Office on Aging "will prioritize a work plan to address recruitment procedure and primarily place the qualified participants" from the Title V Program to ensure that self-sufficiency as well as ability to perform their jobs at their respective host site.

Authorized by the Older Americans Act, the SCSEP or the Title V Program is a community service and work based training program for low-income persons 55 years or older who are unemployed and have poor employment prospects by providing them with subsidized, service-based training.

For application and eligibility qualification determination on the program, contact David Celis or Aging director Rose Mondala at 233-1320.



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### Finance disburses \$148K checks for SHEFA scholars

REPORTER

The Department of Finance disbursed on Friday pending checks for Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance scholars totaling \$148,600.

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider said the checks were disbursed around 3:15pm Friday and will be issued to students starting today. He advised students, however, to call the SHEFA office first to ensure that they are on the list of recipients.

That number is 233-5995.

Hofschneider said the checks are for scholars in the spring 2011 semester. These checks have been pending at Finance in the last two months due to the government's cashflow problem.

bursement cycle for both spring 2011 and fall 2010 semesters, Hofschneider said. These pending financial awards cover \$14,000 for spring 2011 scholars and \$76,000 for Framing-

Hofschneider said that SHE-

A total of 776 applications were received for the new semester. About 82 have so far

SHEFA scholarship funds are sourced from poker fees and license fees collected by the government. Each fiscal year, the legislature appropriates \$3 million for SHEFA programs—grant in aid, field of study, and incentive. This fiscal year, the SHEFA board

capped the disbursement of grant funds every academic term at \$1.5 million to ensure the program's continuity.

Hofschneider said the latest disbursement of awards would aid students in paying for their apartments, books, and tuition for the new semester. He expressed appreciation to Finance and Treasury for finally issuing the checks.

### BOE extends ad hoc panel for COE evaluation

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The Board of Education has extended the existence of an ad hoc committee it created to come up with the tools that will be used to evaluate the education commissioner.

From July 31 deadline set for the committee to complete its task, the board decided to extend the panel's life by five more months or until Dec. 31, 2011, according to board member Herman T. Guerrero.

The decision was made during its special meeting last Wednesday.

"The committee is in the process of finishing the task on coming up with a recommendation on the process of conducting a COE evaluation. It is extended until Dec. 31, 2011," Guerrero said in an email to the Saipan Tribune.

The board created the ad hoc committee in May to come up with the assessment tools for the upcoming evaluation of Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan. The three-member panel is chaired by board member Galvin Deleon Guerrero, assisted by committee members Lucy Blanco-Maratita and Denise Tanya King.

The purpose of the ad hoc committee is to research, review and make recommendations on the evaluation tools that will be used in evaluating the education commissioner and Board of Education staff and members.

Sablan has been serving the school system for more than 25 years. She became the education commissioner in August 2008, replacing Dr. David Borja. Her contract is subject to evaluation every year. She serves at the pleasure of the board, which is her employer.

About \$90,000 worth of checks have to be released by Finance to complete the disham State University graduates in the fall 2010 semester.

FA will submit its list of eligible scholars for the fall 2011 semester once Finance issues all pending checks for the previous semesters.

been found ineligible.

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB11-GOV-004



Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the PAPAGO WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority form the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed)

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds form a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award fo this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to

- Install approximately 6,900 linear feet of 8 inch underground PVC waterlines and 500 linear feet of 6 inch underground PVC waterline with appurtenant valves, fittings, air relief valves and blow-off valves
- Install service laterals and water meters.
- Connect to existing waterlines.
- Restore disturbed asphalt paving.
  Pressure testing and chlorination of new waterlines.
- Conduct the area topographic and easement surveys
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **August 8, 2011** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on August 19, 2011, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

to (670) 664-2279. Inquires must be received no later than 4:30 PM on August 18, 2011.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked "IFB-GOV-004". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 pm local time September 6, 2011. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 3:00 pm local time September 6, 2011, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 6, 2011, and must be received no later than September 15. 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at 3:00 pm local time, September 16, 2011. However, if no Notices of intent to bid were received from the bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on September 7, 2011.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

> /S/ Benigno R. Fitial Governor and Contracting Officer

/S/ Herman S. Sablan Director, Procurement and Supply

### Grant program for higher degree students may be stopped-Mafnas

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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The cash-strapped government is not capable right now of sustaining second priority programs that need to be suspended immediately, according to Jose Mafnas, chairman of the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance on Friday.

Mafnas said the suspension or abolition of second priority programs will be tackled at their meeting this week so a decision can be made prior to the opening of the new semester in September.

Mafnas specifically identified programs for scholars seeking master's degrees and advanced studies under SHEFA for possible suspension. Qualified students get all three financial awards: grant in aid, field of study, and incentive grants.

The SHEFA program provides a \$1,200 grant to master's degree students under grant in aid program; \$1,000 for field of study; and \$1,500 under the incentive program.

"Definitely, there will be some adjustments to be made, first in our master's and advanced studies [recipients]. The board may either lower the amount for them or suspend two of the three programs. It will depend on the board, but the intention is to cut the scholarship assistance to those second priorities," Mafnas said.

He revealed that the reduction of the financial awards in spring 2011 semester was not enough to ensure that SHEFA will continue serve its purpose of providing scholarship grants to qualified students.

In his personal view, Mafnas believes that master's students or those seeking advanced studies should not continue to receive the same assistance as what undergraduates get from SHEFA. He said they are less priority recipients who could be excluded from the awards.

Based on the projected revenue from poker fees and licenses, Mafnas is convinced that SHEFA is not fully guaranteed that it will get the \$3 million appropriated under the budget law.

"We have to adjust immediately based on the funding for SHEFA. There's no way we can sustain the program if we will continue to provide assistance to second-priority recipients. A tough decision has to be made," he said.

Mafnas said a decision on this matter may not come out this week because the board may refer it to the awards committee for evaluation and assessment.

It is also important to know the total amount that has been awarded by the government to these second-priority students since 2004, the inception of the SHEFA program, he added.



Aug. 8, 2000

### **Test Tanapag groundwater for PCB**

Division of Environmental Quality Director Ignacio Cabrera has asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to test the groundwater in Tanapag village's Cemetery No. 2 to determine if it has been contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), a highly toxic chemical. "If it's contaminated, then they would have to carry out the treatment of the groundwater too," Mr. Cabrera said. DEQ raised a number of concerns which must be addressed by the Army Corps and the Environmental Chemical Corp., the contractor in the scheduled cleanup. Tests will be conducted in Cemetery No. 2 before and after the remediation process.

#### **BOE** moves to restore WGIs

The State Board of Education has moved to restore within grade increases for Public School System employees, saying the yearly five percent increase in personnel's salary is long overdue. With or without the passage of the CNMI Fiscal Year 2001 budget, BOE Vice Chair Roman Benavente said the board has opted to push through with the WGI rollback to assist hardworking PSS employees who have survived the past two years without receiving such incentive. Mr. Benavente added the funds will be sourced out of PSS' \$32.8 million personnel allotment. The board has given Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos the flexibility to oversee the implementation of the increase based on the amount of resources available within the system, according to the vice chair.

### Aug. 8, 2001

#### Delay in project angers Rota exec

Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona said yesterday that he may exercise his emergency powers to fast-track the construction of a road which had been delayed due to the alleged "inaction" of a local and federal agency. Manglona lambasted officials of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and their local counterparts for their alleged failure to issue a permit to a construction application that is needed to start the "back road" project, stretching from the Rota airport to Songsong Village. "About a year ago, a construction application was submitted to the Fish and Wildlife agency for approval. To date, despite our vigorous efforts to move this project and comply with wildlife concerns, Fish and Wildlife officials have withheld the application's approval," Manglona said.

### Fitial: Repeal anti-business laws

House Speaker Benigno Fitial sees an urgent need to charge certain business laws to provide the government a strong foundation for success in its goal of opening the local market to foreign investors. In particular, Fitial wants to see a total repeal of the present moratorium on the hiring of nonresident workers and the \$100,000-dollar security deposit requirement, which, he said, have become major stumbling blocks for investors who have long wanted to put their money into the local economy. The Speaker said he will soon introduce a bill that will seek to repeal remaining anti-business laws in a special House Session this week.

Aug. 8, 2002

### SCC: Cut govt payroll by 10 percent

To overcome its financial problems, the CNMI government should enact a law that would cut the government payroll by 10 percent, with a sunset provision that would make it effective for just a year. Saipan Chamber of Commerce President Richard A. Pierce said that, with a payroll of \$175 million a year, the 10-percent cut on the payroll account would save the government \$17.5 million in one year. This, he said, is a feasible alternative that would effectively help the government battle its present financial problems.

### DPW begins use of PCB soil as dump cover

The Department of Public Works started getting treated soil from the PCB treatment site in Tanapag in May, even before the Division of Environmental Quality gave its conditional approval early last month to allow their use for daily cover at the Puerto Rico dumpsite. Frank Ono, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' onisland representative, revealed this saying that the department has been getting soil intermittently since May. When asked, however, as to how much volume of soil has been taken by the DPW so far, Ono said he is doesn't know exactly. This surfaced as Ono disclosed that some 19,600 tons of contaminated soil has been treated so far. Treatment operations are ongoing.

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### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director INVITATION FOR BIDS



### **CUC-IFB-11-046** INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced engineering firms for preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning a new Above Ground Oil Storage Tank (AST), as per the specifications contained in the bid document and monitored through a construction management firm and/or a third party quality control firm, contracted by CUC

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 250.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22,

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC IFB 11-046 -INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 31, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

> ABE UTU MALAE Executive Director



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director INVITATION FOR BIDS



CUC-IFB-11-047

#### QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced third party inspection firms to provide CUC or the Construction Manager (CM), "Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA) Services" during the preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning the tank and connected pipeline, if any, as per the specifications contained in the bid document.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a US based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Construction Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. Attendance is not mandatory.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB 11 - 047 - QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 30, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission. All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika\_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

> ABE UTU MALAE **Executive Director**



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



Office of the Executive Director

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-048**

### **GEOTHERMAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON SAIPAN, CNMI**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms to explore for and develop geothermal energy on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the purpose of generating electricity. Proximity to the active Mariana volcanic arc, extensional faulting, and the occurrence of shallow water wells with anomalous temperatures suggest that sufficient geothermal resources may exist beneath Saipan to support generation of electricity using binary plant technology.

Proposer must submit a development plan including: (1) a timeline and milestones for resource assessment, exploration drilling, resource development and plant construction, and delivery of electricity to the grid; and (2) a pricing schedule for electricity delivered to the grid. The successful Proposer must have demonstrated capability and provide equipment and materials necessary to (1) assess geothermal potential and identify targets for exploratory drilling, (2) perform exploration- and production-hole drilling, and (3) construct and operate geothermal power plants.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed to all interested Offerors, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on <u>August 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)</u>, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048" Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **September 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika\_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than August 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika\_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

> ABE UTU MALAE **Executive Director**



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-11-049

### INSTALLATION OF SEWER SERVICE LINES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the installation of Sewer Service Lines in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island

The project consists in general of the installation of sewer service lines to existing CUC sewer mains. When CUC customers are approved for sewer service, the contractor will obtain the required permits and connect them to the existing sewer mains. The work will include the sewer service line, sewer saddles, asphalt repairs, septic tank abandonment. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract or when the funds are exhausted.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (nonrefundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

Pre-Bid Conference will be held on August 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-049. Installation of Sewer Service Lines" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 1, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract

Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed

ons or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 19, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net, Commander, Kenneth Esplin-Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth\_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika muna@cucgov.net.

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## **Opinion**



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### Pity the debtpaying generation

By BILL BEACH and DUSTIN SIGGINS

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he outlook for the Debt-Paying Generation—those young Americans on the hook for our monstrous national debt—keeps getting worse.

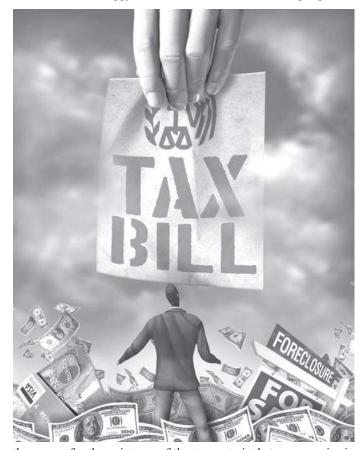
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Take two developments in just in the last two months: First, the Congressional Budget Office released an update showing that since last year the amount of debt it expects America to carry (as a percentage of GDP) in 2035 has jumped significantly.

Second, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker John Boehner each made it clear that they think cutting less than 10 percent of spending over the next 10 years is a responsible way to govern.

The CBO report continues a long series of annual warnings that the fiscal future is getting steadily grimmer: "Debt held by the public is now projected to grow even faster in the next decade under the alternative fiscal scenario than CBO projected last year. ... By 2021, it would exceed 100 percent of GDP, 10 percentage points higher than projected in 2010. In later years, debt would follow a path similar to what CBO projected last year, reaching almost 190 percent of GDP in 2035, effectively the same level as projected previously."

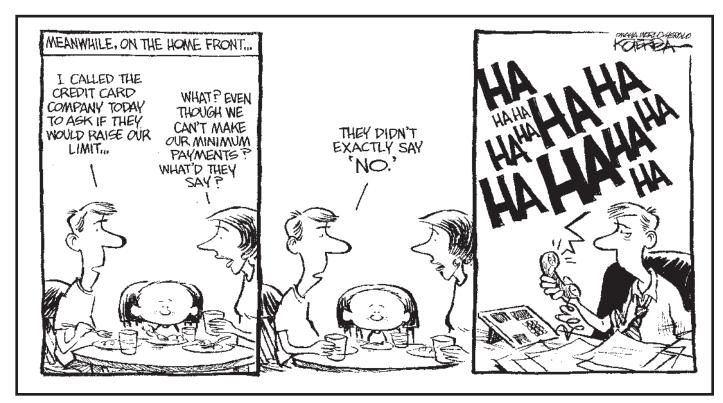
As columnist Peggy Noonan noted some months ago, part of



the reason for the existence of the tea party is that compromise in Washington is often between moderates and liberals, not liberals and conservatives.

For example, the CBO said the initial phase of the Boehner compromise would take the debt per worker in 2021 from about \$161,631 to about \$156,324—clearly, laughably inadequate. As one of us once wrote, "You can't balance the federal budget and stay inside today's policy lines. Rethink the lines, however, and you'll be amazed how quickly we could move toward fiscal sanity. It's all a matter of those tricky lines."

Thinking outside the lines is just why we are writing a book about the Debt-Paying Generation. It's also why Bill Beach was a lead See PITY on Next Page



### A rainbow of hope for the CNMI

any of our fellow citizens are fleeing the islands seeking their fortunes in the United States or somewhere else. However, some of us see a rainbow of hope that will and must become a reality right here under our feet. What is that treasure?

It is our soil that currently lies fallow, growing only weeds and *tangan-tangan* bushes. We fail to see the treasure that this fallow land holds for us should we cultivate it. We have the ability to become a formidable food basket for our region of the world.

When we realize that agriculture is an industry coupled with technology, we begin to realize that it can be a major force in jump-starting our economy. As we begin to develop our latent agriculture industry, not only will we produce tons of good quality fruits and vegetables, but also put many of our people to work. And the results of their labor will put dollars into circulation in our economy.

In July 11's *Time* magazine, an interesting article appeared about farming and farmers. Its title is "Want to Make More Money than A Banker—Become a Farmer!" Here are a few comments expressed in that article.

Jim Rogers, an investment whiz, bestselling author of Wall Street, and a towering personality, has this advice: Food prices have become high recently and as a result farming income will continue to rise dramatically in the next few decades faster than those in most other industries.

"The world has got a serious food problem," says Rogers. "The only real way to solve it is to draw more people back to agriculture." In addition, farmland is quickly emerging as one of the year's hottest investment on Wall Street. Farmland land is steadily becoming more and more valuable.

Meanwhile a number of innovations have made U.S. farmers significantly more productive than they were just two decades ago. Bioengineered seeds mean they can use smaller amounts of pesticides and water. And with GPS-aided, computer-monitored planting, some farmers are able to squeeze two rows in a space not much larger that what used to fit only one. For example, an average acre produced 91 bushels of corn in 1980; it now produces 152 bushels.

Today agriculture is an industry and must be taken seriously. Over the past years, it has fallen out of favor in the CNMI. Most of the present-day farmers farm as a hobby or have leased out their farms to others. But these people are not to blame. There are few reasons to take farming seriously when farmers have few places to sell their products. But all of this is about to change.

Only an hour and half from Saipan, Tinian and Rota less than that away, Guam is a huge market waiting for the CNMI's vegetables and fruits. Note that Guam currently imports \$ 4,423, 740 of produce, fruits, pork, cut flowers and other fresh foods monthly. This amounts to \$53,084,740 yearly. But from imports from the CNMI—insignificant! Why is this?

Imagine selling just 20 percent of \$53,084,740 to Guam of our farm products for \$10,616,949 annually. This could mean that about \$90,000,000 could circulate throughout our economy when we consider the multiplier effect. Instead of exporting dollars as we are doing, we now import them. What a wonderful change of direction!

We can continue to discuss the merits of developing the agriculture industry in the CNMI or any of other ideas to help improve our economy, but unless we begin to help ourselves on any venture, we will remain bogged down in the mire we find ourselves in presently.

### By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Pellegrino is a longtime businessman in the CNMI and is the former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.



The most important point to consider at this moment is do we have the determination and courage to take chances and risks? Unless we are willing to sacrifice and work toward a goal we will remain helpless. *I truly believe we have the resources to create a profitable economy. But are we willing to work them?* Yes, I am preaching again but what else can I do. I believe in us. Don't you?

Some of the ideas currently being discussed such as casinos are questionable because they do little to help the average person such as many of us in the street. Are we looking for the droppings such as taxes given to the government as an improvement to the community?

Will these ideas put people to work? Will they reduce the food stamp recipients? The line is getting longer and longer daily and the amount of money to be disbursed is getting smaller. When do we begin to work and see and feel the results of our labor? When does the money paid in salaries stay in the community? A question: How much of the huge amount of ARRA money given to us by the U.S. to date has remained and circulated in the CNMI? How many local jobs have been created?

We keep stating that tourism is our major industry, to which I wholly agree. Now combine another clean industry such as agriculture. Remember that most of our tourists are from cities where there are no farms. When they visit Saipan or the other islands, they will see a green environment. They can visit farms and see crops being grown and animals being raised. These attractions are exciting, especially for family groups.

Yes, casinos are more glamorous and sexy, but consider carefully what we will be planting with that industry. Read the history of Las Vegas and the so-called booming economy of other casino resorts. Is this the legacy we wish to leave to our children? Shall we continue to wonder why our educated youth don't return to the islands after college? Do the thousands of people lined up for food stamps keep increasing? When do we produce local workers who will take over our businesses? Are we doomed to eternal living on handouts whether they come from the local or federal governments? Please consider carefully what we plant and the type of harvest that we will reap.

We can become a food basket if we set our minds to it. By developing their agriculture industry Tinian and Rota can become almost self-sustainable. Think of all the fruits and vegetable they can grow for export. Our people there will be producing, instead of crying for help.

The net results: clean environment, local citizens employed, money circulating in our community instead of being exported, pride in our labor, and a healthy legacy that we bestow upon our youth handed down to them with pride. Remember, as we sow, so shall we reap.

Let us rise up, pick up our tools, and stride forward without fear

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### Makat na pagyun siglu

#### By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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u mensiona gi unu na tinige'hu pinadesen siglu. Era, kada sientu años mattu pagyun siglu 'nai todu modun linala man-inaminasa. Enteru elmundu pumadedese didog na chinatsaga deste Amerika, Uropa yan Asia. Kulan i hanom tasi 'sino sadog, libianu hana' nañgu libre i boti. Gi mismu tiempu libianu lokue' ha fondu.

Pagu na biahe, todu boti manmafondu gi halom trosun uchan chubasku gi tasin linala'. Ni unu u soplu gi este na mattiru. Todu siempre umapadese didog na chinatsaga. Tihu tuñgu' kau u guaha gi uttimu u tachu Moses lau mampos seriosu na asuntu tafafana' diariu. Solu konsueluhu i plaset un' patte gi hinasoghu na i Saina gagaige ha' gi fihonhu ni taimanu abarambauña 'sino chukan batkoghu gi halom dañkulu na pagyun tasi.

Este i mampos didog ta padedese pagu na tiempu, hu hahassu tiempon Moses 'nai tinagu' ni Saina para u mueba i tautau Israet ginen Ehiptu (Egypt) pot manmafa' esklabu siha. Ha komple matago'ña si Moses lau ti sinede ni Saina na u gachas' iya Jordan. Ti hu komprende este na patte ti estoria.

Lau hu komprende na guaha siha otru Moses mañgahulu' gi parehu kinimiten para unna' fan libre i tautau ginen linala' esklabu. Si George Washington hana' libre America ginen tailaye na gobietnon iya Iñglatera. Si Abraham Lincoln muna' libre i neguru ginen estau esklabu.

I kuestion: Haye gi halom i man-ma'gasta mohon esta ma-ayeg ginen hilu para unna' fan libre tautauta ginen linala' esklabu gi presente na pinadesen didog na bahun ekonomia? Trabiha ti hu lilie' este na petsona duku' gi entalo'ta.

Magahet na gaige si Killili na duru ha choneg mas ayudun food stamps para i man-namase' guine mientras duru lokue i dos gubietnu as Fitial yan Babauta yan tautau niha mañena man-guaguan na steak yan mahoñgañg. A`Saina na dañkulon difirensia i satton gi tautauña yan ayu i kadu' man-satton. Lau ti bachet i publiku guine na asuntu.

### Kondision taya' fondu gi kaha

Esta kulan regulatmente ti mana' fan pagamemientu i empleau siha prontu pot taya' fondu. Lau libianu masodae' salape para kumarera para iya Palau, Japon yan America. Esta guaha 'nai hu dibina kau guahu chatkomprende gi tinaitaihu gaseta pat i ripot ni matuge' lache?

Dispues, tinatitiye este ni taya' fondu para trastes hospitat. Lau sige ha' matuguñg i plasan batkon aire mañgarera hiyoñg Marianas. De dios mampos atlibes i man-sañgan kontra i man-chogue'. Yangin ni pagamienton empleau makat makubre, pues siempre ni planon kumarera ti siña ma'apase. Lau mansedda' sinsiyu para este na babarias.

Debi i man-ma-elihe u fan sattton yan klaru gi hafa kondisionta

pagu ya uma'ataha dispeddisiun salape' publiku. Estague' chetnut i manehanten gobietnamentota i ti matuñgu' ma-utot gaston dispeddisiu parehu na heñiu gi entalu' administrasion yan lehislatura. Yangin ni este ti siña ta aregla, kuandu menos i manlamapot yan teug' siha na asuntun linahyan.

I sistema sinede i gobietnamentu gumasta antes de u rikohe kontribusion tax. Lau ti propiu na eksisiu soluke guaha magahet emerensiha. I kumarera hiyoñg Marianas ti emerensiha ya taya' presisu sa' gaige guine gi tanu' i dichu problema siha.

Taya' dinida na mampos maribaha rinikohen tax ginen i binis siha guine. Masusede este gi mediu nobenta siha na sakan 'nai man-huyuñg lamegai ni man-dañgkulu na kometsianten Japones kontodu Japan Airlines. Ha chule' huyuñg poku mas o'menus siñku esta siete biyon pesus ni hagas mana'liliku' gi ekonomian iya Marianas. Mampos ha aminasa kinalamtenta 'nai madisidi para umabira siha tatte Japon.

Estake siña guaha parehu na fuetsan kometsiante (investors) tumahgue maliñguta guine gi alacha, siempre ta padese la apmam na tiempu i presente na chinatsaga siha. Makat i ta fafana' na biahe gi hilu' rimulinun kohu na kahan iya Marianas.

Uttimoña ta falague man-ayau miyon pot miyon na salape' para operasion gobietnamentu. Esta guaha mamueba para u maribaha i numeron jues gi kotte. Debi u tinatiye este ni maribahan lehislatura deste dos esta unu na kuetpu. I numeru umaribaha papa' gi dies, dos kada unu para Luta yan Tinian, i sais para Saipan. 'Nos kuantos miyon sina ta rikohe para i mas manpresisu ns gason gobietnamentu tat kumu para hinemlu yan edukasion. Muñga maletke propiu obligasion gi este na asuntu sa' makat ta fafana' na biahe.

### **Letters to the Editor**

### Do not be fooled

Public lands belong to the indigenous people of the CNMI but have been leveraged over the years by each succeeding leadership with an eye toward improving the lot of the Chamorro and Carolinian people, and rightfully so. Improving the lot of the rightful owners of public lands—the Chamorros and Carolinians—however, hasn't always scored top priority with and among the leaseholders of public lands, particularly those holding vast tracts of this scarce resource, such as golf course operators. And more often than not, the intent and scope of the lease are rarely followed through the years and, on final analysis, the leases are so radically changed and altered so as to render them indistinguishable from the original documents. The COP lease comes to mind; so does the lease that enabled the golf course on the northern end of Saipan. How many times were those leases altered and changed? And to suit whom?

Before granting lease extensions or giving a new lease because the original 40-year leases have been consumed or otherwise used up (or soon to be), the Chamorros and Carolinians would be well advised to begin asking serious questions: What have these leaseholders, who, incidentally, profited hugely from the inexpensive leases granted earlier, done for the whole of the CNMI especially with regards to the indigenous people? Did they demonstrate willingness and a commitment to hire locally, especially during better times? To train and hire Chamorros and Carolinians into the higher echelons of their companies as a way to return something to the community? To make work more meaningful for the people? To provide upward mobility in terms of granting pay increases and raises commensurate with educational attainment and experience? To provide for retirement, bonuses, and other employment perks? Sadly, the answer to the above is a resounding NO.

What they did do was to simply hire more foreign workers who were ever so willing to work for as little as they could pay them (and would have paid them less if not for federal intervention which finally raised the minimum wage for all workers).

What have the owners of these golf courses done to benefit the CNMI, outside of tax payments and paying minimum wage which, incidentally, all businesses do as a matter of course? These golf courses, COP, Mariana Country Club, and others that are situated on public lands enjoyed huge success during better times yet one never heard of them making any real contributions to the community.

In the few shorts years since opening Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Mr. Tony Pellegrino has demonstrated the essence of "giving back to the community" more eloquently and loudly than the owners/operators of the golf courses who have been on Saipan for three decades or more will ever be able to do. It seems what the owners of golf courses did best was to rake in the profit and take it somewhere else. And now they want another 25 years.

Should the CNMI allow extensions of the leases of golf courses or grant them a new one? It is up to each Chamorro and Carolinian to decide that. As the lease extensions come up for renewals in a few years hence, we will finally begin to witness "attempts" at philanthropy—work or endeavor, as charitable aid or endowments,

intended to increase the well-being of community—but we should not be led astray by these feeble attempts for we surely are going to be able to see right through their cloak of insincerity and greed.

Do not be fooled.

#### Silech Terei

Lower Navy Hill, Saipan

### Reply to Mr. Arkle

Thank you for your quick reply. I must admit to making a mistake in my letter. I typed trillion instead of billion—sorry about that and thank you for the correction.

You missed that fact that Brazil's new president was also in prison for being a communist. What will she do now remains to be seen. I have a heavy heart every time I think of the young man who jumped to his death because of her when I was in Brazil this past February.

As to Fox News, it is the most popular news channel in America. Some 75-80 percent of Americans watch Fox News. I watch all channels and compare the news. If I see the same thing on at least two channels I look upon that news report as the nearest to the truth. What I don't like about Fox News is Bill O'Reilly but almost all of their programs have liberals and conservatives and yes, they argue for their point of view with sometimes a lot of shouting but viewers get both sides of the debate. But, when they finish I like Fox's statement: "We report, you decide. Again thank you for responding.

Franklin Keiper

Mayer, Arizona

### **RAINBOW**

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for the future. I am not professing to say that my way is the only

way. But I am imploring us to think of the ways we can help ourselves. As I repeatedly say: There are diamonds under our feet. Let's dig for them! Maybe not all the diamonds will be valuable but at least we will have dug for them.

The bottom line of any sustainable economy is the number of a great day.

dedicated and employed citizens. Review the reasons that certain countries remain strong today. The main one is from the labor of its people. Let's get off our buts [excuses] and do it! Agriculture is one of the best cures for what ails us. Try it. We may like it! Have a great day.

### **PITY**

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author of a recent Heritage Foundation report on a plan to return to a balanced budget.

In that plan ("Saving the American Dream"), Heritage called for achieving permanent budget surpluses by 2021; pro-growth tax reform; and entitlement reform. While there is plenty of room for debating how we get to permanent total budget surpluses, the fact is that we need real solutions—and fast.

Heritage's plan is but one answer, but it is one that can work.

Unfortunately, except for rare exceptions such as Sens. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and Rand Paul, R-Ky., both of whom have plans that would balance the budget sooner than anyone else on Capitol Hill, much of Washington would rather pay attention to the latest Washington sex scandal than worry about the real threat that is America's growing national debt.

When it really comes down to it, the budget debate can be reduced to the following points:

1. Reform our immoral and inefficient tax code, perhaps by replacing it with a flat expenditure tax, such as Heritage proposed. A strong period of economic growth will be needed to help lift us out of our fiscal mess, and the flat expenditure tax frees the economy to grow at its potential while supplying government with the revenues it needs.

2. Cut spending. To start, basically anything ending with "Department" or "Administration" should be closely scrutinized for need and effectiveness. Doubtless hundreds of billions in outlays each year could be saved by reforming broken programs and eliminating those that simply don't work. Entitlements, of course, must be reformed.

3. Shrink the size of government employee rolls. Fully one-sixth of America's workers are employed by some level of government, and when one adds the millions of defense and other contractors into the mix, more than 30 million people are employed by tax dollars. These are dollars that, instead of expanding the economic pie or tax revenue are simply recycled. We support cutting 10 percent

of all government employees or contractors, to start.

As James Agresti recently noted in The Daily Caller, the longer that Americans bury their collective heads in the sand, the more extreme solutions will have to be. Today's seniors and near-seniors could have supported minor increases in retirement ages; partial or full privatization; or any of a number of other options 20 years ago to entitlements that would have made Medicare and Social Security better off today and in the foreseeable future. They could have voted for politicians who wanted a fair tax code instead of one riddled with special-interest loopholes.

Instead, the status quo was largely kept in place. Now solutions must be drastic if we are to prevent the Debt-Paying Generation from bearing the consequences of the decisions of their parents and grandparents.

William Beach is director of the Center for Data Analysis at The Heritage Foundation. Dustin Siggins is a former policy researcher in the Center for Data Analysis at Heritage.

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## The Weather

### 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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			via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT	0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM				via ICN
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C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via				GUM-Palau
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### NMI CRIME **STOPPERS**

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

■ \*11 on any PTI cellular phone

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### PDM Promoters haul 700 lbs of trash



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Paseo De Marianas Promoters volunteers pose for a group photo during their monthly cleanup in Garapan area on Saturday. About 40 volunteers collected a total of 700 lbs of trash.

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa david@saipantribune.com

Despite the overcast skies, Paseo De Marianas Promoters, Inc. volunteers proceeded with their monthly cleanup in Garapan on Saturday.

"We still went ahead with our cleanup despite the gray skies. We were able to finish it before the rain started pouring," Sonia Siwa of PDM Promoters told Saipan Tribune.

Siwa said the volunteers were composed of about 40 young members of the Saipan Awaodori team from Koblerville and Kinpachi Restaurant staff.

The group, which holds the monthly cleanup usually every first Saturday of the month, picked up trash along Coral Tree Avenue to the fire station then Beach Road straight up to ABC Store and the Star Sands Plaza area.

According to Siwa, they collected a total of 700 lbs of trash.

Siwa acknowledged the only Saipan Awaodori parent who joined Saturday's cleanup, Inocencia They.

"Rain or shine, she's always present during monthly cleanups. She's really very consistent and we want to recognize her efforts," added Siwa.

Siwa thanked the Division of Environmental Quality, which regularly provides them with supplies and refreshments for their monthly cleanups.

### Man nabbed for allegedly slapping wife

A man was arrested last week in Dandan for allegedly slapping his wife whom he had accused of having an affair.

Donald Ayuyu Hocog, 43, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$1,250 cash.

Detective Catherine B. Pan-

gelinan stated in her report that ing their argument. Hocog then two police officers had responded to the Refu Apartment in Dandan on Tuesday at 12:15pm after receiving two calls about a domestic violence incident.

Pangelinan said the victim told police that Hocog accused her of having an affair, triggerallegedly slapped his wife on the left cheek, prompting her to call the police.

A witness told police that he heard the couple arguing outside their apartment. The witness then saw Hocog slap his wife in the face. (Ferdie de la Torre)

### Convicted burglar convicted again, this time for 'ice'

A man who was convicted of burglary in 2003 was convicted again on Wednesday, this time of possession of methamphetamine or "ice."

Joey C. Dueñas pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance as part of a plea deal.

Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Dueñas to three months, with credit for the 90 days he had already served in jail. This means Dueñas will no longer serve further jail term in the ernment in the case; chief pub-"ice" case.

Duenas was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and perform 100 hours of community service.

According to the plea agreement, on May 3, 2011 on Saipan, Duenas was found in possession of "ice." The agreement did not indicate how much "ice" involved in the case.

Assistant attorney general Shelli Neal represented the govlic defender Adam Hardwicke

served as counsel for Duenas. In July 2003, Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman sentenced Duenas to 10 months for burglary.

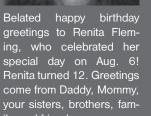
Police said Duenas and a then 17-year-old male entered Gallery #5 and ransacked the store of assorted T-shirts, baseball caps, printed short pants, batteries, hats, and backpacks. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Belated birthday greetings go out to Mozziel Fleming, who turned 14 last Aug. 3! Greetings come from Daddy, Mommy, your sisters, brothers, family,

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Kat Kat is 9 years old today, Aug. 8, 2011! Happy birthday! Greetings come from your family and friends.



ily, and friends.

#### Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Mariana Ofisinan I Gubietno Dipåttamenton I Tano' Pupbliku

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 011 L 01, containing an area of approximately 735,023 square meters, more or less, situated in Unai Dangkulu, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.
- The lessee is Suwaso Corporation, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Chairman), and Phillip Mendiola-Long.
  - The President and Treasurer of the Corporation is Yusuke Fumoto. The Vice President is Vincent DLG. Torres. The Secretary is Phillip Mendiola-Long
- The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.
- The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating and maintaining a golf course and cottage type resort and related facilities.

The term of the lease agreement extensions is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the

- Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 10, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

#### NUTISIA PUT MAPROPONIN INEKSTENDIN INATKILON TANU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(a) yan (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku guini ha nå'i notisia ni intesion-ña para u rekumenda i inekstenden inatkilon gi pumalu na tånu' pupbliku siha giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Isla Marianas siha. Esti na inekstenden atkilon siha manmasuhetu para i inaprueban i Lehislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas gi sigun ni mamånda ni mapega huyung gi Attikilu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na petsona siha gi halum i pupbliku heneråt siña ha na'hålum i imfotmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñun kinentra siha gi tinahguen propositu siha ni para i atkilon tånu' pupbliku. Sigi mås mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimånda

- I lugåt atkilon siha madeskribi komu tano' pupbliku Lot No. 011 L 01, kinonsisti årian kåsi guaha 735,023 square meters, putlumenus mås, ni gaige gi Inai Dångkulu, Saipan. I kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaigi na gumuaha gi Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni para i rikunosimientu.
- I manatkikila i Suwaso Corporation. I Kuetpon i Direktot siha gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Kabesiyu) yan si Phillip Mendiola-Long.
  - I Presidenti yan Treasurer gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto. I sigundu Presidenti si Vincent DLG. Torres. I Sekritåriu si Phillip Mendiola-Long.
- I maproponi na ekstension atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñot Vincent DLG. Torres.
- I manatkikila debi na u kontinua umusa i lugåt siha uniku para i hinangai i operasion yan maintaining golf course yan cottage type resort yan mana'achuli' na fasilidat siha

I teman i kuntråtan atkilon ha ekstendi gi 15 åñus.

I manmaproponi na åpas atkilon gi sakkan gi duråntin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value gi propiedåt siha

- Kopian i manmaproponi na ekstension atkilon na kontråta siha siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha, gaigi gi segundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- I Sekritåriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opiñon yan testamoñun kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Agosto 10, 2011 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

### ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL EBWE SÓBWEEYLÓ AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (a) me (b) mellól Public Law 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha e tipáli bwe ebwe tingóór bwe extension reel akkilon mereel eghus falúweer toulap mewóól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw Kka Efang Marianas. Lease extension yeel ebwe alúghúlúghló mereel Téél Falúw Kka Marianas Commonwealth Legislature sángi llól mandate e towoow mellól Article XI, § 5(c) llól Consttitution-ul Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas. Reer toulap schóókka re mwuschel rebwe issisilong yaar aghiyegh, aweewe, angiingil pomwo kkaal reel akkilon-ul falúweer toulap. Me bwal Public Law 15-2, e ayoora lamal aweewe kka e

- Akkilonul falúw yeel nge ekke bwááriló bwe public land Lot No. 011 L 01, emmwel ebwe yoor fisabwughúw eliigh me limwoow sangaras, reweigh me eluuw (735,023) square meters, elapló ngáre eghus, elo Unai Dangkulu, Seipél. Tiliighil bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyol Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Land) bwe aubwe ghuleey fischiy.
- Schóól lessee nge Suwaso Corporation, eew CNMI Corporation. Samwoolur Board-ul Corporation yeel nge ikka, Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Samwoolul), me Phillip Mendiola-Long.

President me Treasurer reel Corporation yeel nge Yusuke Fumoto. Vice President nge Vincent DLG. Torres. Secretary nge Phillip Mendiola-Long.

- Schóól aweewel pomwol lease extension yeel nge Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.
- Schóól lessee ebwe kke yááli bwuley reel mwóghutu me ayoora golf course me tapal cottage resort me akkááw

Term-il abwungubwungul ebwe sóbweeyló akkilon yeel nge seigh me limwoow (15) ráágh.

Pomwol annual rental ghal term nge ebwe féér mereel percentage-il appraised fair market value reel properties

- Tiliighil ngáre kopiyal pomwol abwungubwungul ebwe sóbweeyló akkilon yeel emmwel ebwe bweibwogh mellól bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Land), elo 2nd floor mereel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor mereel Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.
- Samwoolul Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, angiingi me ngáre ifa mereel pomwo kkaal sángi schóókka re tipáli wóól me ngáre mmwal Elúwel (August) 10, 2011 mereel Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Lands offices) elo Seipél, Luuta, me ngáre Tchúlúyól.

## Business

## S&P officials defend US credit downgrade

WASHINGTON (AP)—Standard & Poor's says it downgraded the U.S. government's credit rating because it believes the U.S. will keep having problems getting its finances under control.

S&P officials on Saturday defended their decision to drop the government's rating to AA+ from the top rating, AAA. The Obama administration called the move a hasty decision based on wrong calculations about the federal budget. It had tried to head off the downgrade before it was announced late Friday.

But S&P said it was the months of haggling in Congress over budget cuts that led it to downgrade the U.S. rating. The ratings agency was dissatisfied with the deal lawmakers reached last weekend. And it isn't confident that the government will do much better in the future, even as the U.S. budget deficit grows.

David Beers, global head of sovereign ratings at S&P, said the agency was concerned about the "degree of uncertainty around the political policy process. The nature of the debate and the difficulty in framing a political consensus ... that was the key consideration."

S&P was looking for \$4 trillion in budget cuts over 10 years. The deal that passed Congress on Tuesday would bring \$2.1 trillion to \$2.4 trillion in cuts over that time.

Another concern was that

### **Debt and taxes**

When Standard & Poor's took U.S sovereign debt down a notch, it issued three projections on the level of U.S. debt, based on what the government might do regarding spending and revenues. Debt as a percentage of GDP:

### **Under the debt-reduction plan**

Assumes at least \$2.1 trillion in spending cuts is enacted. Bush-era tax cuts remain in place



#### If tax cuts are let to expire

Assumes \$950 billion in new revenues if the Bush-era tax cuts for high earners lapse beginning



#### If nothing is done

Assumes second round of spending cuts that the debt-reduction plan calls for does not occur, tax cuts remain in place



lawmakers and the administration might fail to make those cuts because Democrats and Republicans are divided over how to implement them. Republicans are refusing to raise taxes in any deficit-cutting deal while Democrats are fighting to protect giant entitlement programs such as Social Security

### S&P'S SCALE OF CREDIT RATINGS

These are Standard & Poor's ratings for debt, and the company's definition for each rating. Ratings below can have a "plus" or "minus." The U.S. rating was lowered from AAA to AA+.

AAA: Extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments. Highest Rating.

**AA:** Very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.

A: Strong capacity to meet financial commitments, but somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstances.

BBB: Adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, but more subject to adverse economic conditions.

BBB-: Considered lowest investment grade by market par-

BB+: Considered highest speculative grade by market par-

**BB**: Less vulnerable in the near-term but faces major ongoing uncertainties to adverse business, financial and economic condi-

**B**: More vulnerable to adverse business, financial and economic conditions but currently has the capacity to meet financial

CCC: Currently vulnerable and dependent on favorable business, financial and economic conditions to meet financial commitments.

**CC**: Currently highly vulnerable.

C: Currently highly vulnerable obligations and other defined circumstances.

D: Payment default on financial commitments.

and Medicare.

S&P so far is the only one of the three largest credit rating agencies to downgrade U.S. debt. Moody's Investor Service and Fitch Ratings have both issued warnings of possible downgrades but for now have retained their AAA ratings.

The rating agencies were sharply criticized after the 2008 financial crisis. They were accused of contributing to the

crisis because they didn't warn about the dangers of subprime mortgages. When those mortgages went bad, investors lost billions of dollars and banks that held those securities had to be bailed out by the government.

Ratings agencies assign ratings on bonds and other forms of debt so investors can judge how likely an issuer— like governments, corporations and non-profit groups— will be to

pay the debt back.

Asked when the United States might regain its AAA credit rating, Beers said S&P would take a look at any budget agreements that achieve bigger deficit savings. But the history of other countries such as Canada and Australia who saw cuts in their credit ratings, shows that it can take years to win back the higher ratings.

Administration sources. who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the debt issue, said the administration was surprised by the timing of the announcement, coming just a few days after the debt agreement had been signed into law.

Treasury officials were notified by S&P of the imminent downgrade early Friday afternoon and spent the next several hours arguing with S&P. The administration contended that S&P acknowledged at one point making a \$2 trillion error in their computations of deficits over the next decade.

But S&P officials said the difference reflected the use of different assumptions about how much spending and taxes will come to over the next decade. The S&P officials said they decided to use the administration's assumptions since the \$2 trillion difference in the deficit numbers was not going to change the company's downgrade decision.

In a Treasury blog posting

Saturday, John Bellows, the Treasury's acting assistant secretary for economic policy, said he was amazed by that decision.

"S&P did not believe a mistake of this magnitude was significant enough to warrant reconsidering their judgment or even significant enough to warrant another day to carefully re-evaluate their analysis," Bel-

S&P officials said their decision hadn't been rushed. They noted that S&P had been warning about a potential downgrade since April.

Some critics, the debacle of 2008 still in mind, raised questions about S&P's actions now.

"I find it interesting to see S&P so vigilant now in downgrading the U.S. credit rating," Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said Saturday. "Where were they four years ago?'

Standard & Poor's roots go back to the 1860s. One of its founders, Henry Varnum Poor, was a publisher of financial information about the nation's railroads. His company, then called Poor's Publishing, merged in 1941 with Standard Statistics Inc., another provider of financial information.

S&P's website said both founding firms warned clients well before the 1929 stock market crash that they should sell their stocks.

The company has been owned by publisher McGraw-Hill Cos. since 1966.

### Job worries surge as debt-limit issue recedes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Anger at the nation's leaders for taking so long to strike a debt-ceiling deal has turned into high anxiety over jobs and the economy amid growing fears of a new recession

The news that credit rating agency Standard & Poor's downgraded the nation's credit rating a notch for the first time ever only added to the tension.

The darkening clouds come in what should have been a good week for President Barack Obama. After all, he and Republican leaders finally ended a months-long game of brinkmanship with a bipartisan agreement to raise the government's debt ceiling and to trim spending.

The deal kept the government from beginning to run out of cash last Tuesday, averting a first-ever U.S. default and a possible global financial meltdown.

And there was a relatively good jobs report on Friday.

But applause for the debtlimit deal or the increase in jobs never came.

In fact, stock markets around the world tumbled during the week as grim new economic figures suggested the U.S. recovery has stalled and as debt default tensions climbed in Europe.

Terms of the deal to extend the U.S. government's borrowing authority and trim federal spending contributed to investor angst. Many economists suggest the debt-limit measure could even wind up making economic problems worse if belt-tightening spending cuts coincide with a new recession.

downgrade late Friday cast new While the Labor Department reported that the U.S. economy gained doubts on the value of the U.S. debt-limit deal. The credit rating agency said it was cutting the country's top AAA rating by one notch to AA-plus because the deficit reduction plan passed by Congress did not go far enough to stabilize the country's debt situation.

As to that downgrade, economists suggested it might not have much actual impact, noting that the credit ratings of Japan, Canada and Australia had also been downgraded in recent years with few economic consequences.

And in the past few days, investors have been fleeing stock and commodity markets for the perceived safety of U.S. Treasury bonds and bills.

That's a dramatic about face, since just a few days ago, global investors were worried that a U.S. default on its debt would end the longstanding status of Treasurys as the world's safesthaven investments.

"Investors have voted and are saying the U.S. is going to pay them," Mark Zandi, chief econo-

mist of Moody's Analytics. Despite the S&P downgrade Friday night, "U.S. Treasurys are still the gold standard," he said.

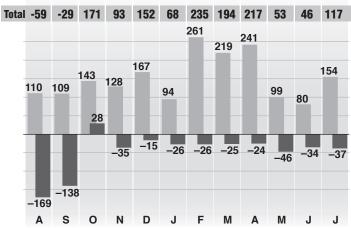
Zandi noted that neither his parent organization, Moody's, nor Fitch, the other of the three major rating agencies, has downgraded U.S. debt.

"I don't think it (the S&P downgrade) is going to amount to a lot," said Peter Morici, a University of Maryland business economist. Still, Morici

### And the Standard & Poor's **Spending cuts, job cuts**

117,000 jobs in July, the public sector lost jobs, continuing a trend. Jobs gained or lost monthly, in thousands, by sector:

Private sector Government



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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said, "The United States deserves to have this happen," because of its clumsy handling of economic policy.

Friday's jobs report— a net increase of 117,000 new jobs in July and an unemployment rate ticking down to 9.1 percent from 9.2 percent in June—was better than expected by forecasters, but it did little to ease fears of a new recession. The jobless rate now has exceeded 9 percent in all but two months since the recession officially ended in

Recent reports suggest the economy is slowing to a nearstall.

June 2009.

The U.S. gross domestic product grew at less than 1 percent in the first six months of 2011. Adding to the woes: Manufacturing has slowed and so has consumer spending. At such a sluggish pace, job creation can't even keep up with population growth. GDP growth needs to be above 3 percent to push down unemployment significantly.

After dropping more than 500 points on Thursday, the Dow industrials seesawed Friday, finally closing up 61 points, while other major

U.S. stock indexes were down. And that was before the S&P downgrade.

Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University, suggested that the debt-limit issue is quickly receding into the background and becoming less relevant to consumers. "You can't eat a debt-limit extension," he said.

"I suspect that when members of Congress go back to their districts, people are going to come up to them and say, 'My 401(k) has cratered. What are you doing about it?" said Baker. And least for those who have jobs and 401(k)s.

While the public is clearly unhappy with leaders of both parties, the stalling recovery will likely hit Obama and his Democratic allies the hardest. As he prepares for next year's re-election race, the president clearly needs to be seen as doing more to help the economy and to create jobs.

"There's not a lot of precedent for an incumbent president getting re-elected in economic circumstances like this," said William A. Galston, who was President Bill Clinton's top domestic policy aide in 1993-95.

## Nation

## Group hacks US law enforcement sites, steals data

### Formerly conjoined Guatemalan twin girls turn 10

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Reaching that first double-digit age of 10 is a milestone for any kid, but for these Guatemalan twins born conjoined at the head, it's cause for joyous celebration—they've repeatedly defied the odds against survival at all.

The girls, Maria de Jesus and Maria Teresa Quiej-Alvarez, garnered international attention when they were separated in 2002 in a 23-hour surgery that riveted the world as it unfolded at Mattel Children's Hospital at the University of California Los Angeles Medical Center.

On Saturday, the sisters,

known as Josie and Teresita, celebrated their 10th birthday at a private home in Malibu with a party complete with bounce house and a steel-drum band. Guests at the Hawaiianthemed bash included many members of the 50-person surgical team, as well as two dozen of the girls' school chums. Hula dancers adorned two birthday cakes.

"It is a miracle," said Jenny Hull, an executive board member of Mending Kids International, the organization that arranged the \$1.5 million surgery and has financed much of their care through donations.

Also among the guests was Mel Gibson, a long-time supporter of Mending Kids who has known the sisters for most of their lives. The actor walked with the girls up a hill to the party, laughing with Josie and blowing bubbles with Teresita.

"It's good to be here. It's good to see the twins," Gibson said to reporters before heading inside.

Dr. Henry Kawamoto, who headed the plastic-surgery team, said there was little in medical texts a decade ago about separating craniophagus or headconjoined twins. He and neurosurgeon Dr. Jorge Lazareff outlined their own procedure.

ROCK, (AP)—The group known as Anonymous said Saturday it hacked into some 70 mostly rural law enforcement websites in the United States, a data breach that at least one local police chief said leaked sensitive information about an ongoing investigation.

The loose-knit international hacking collective posted a cache of data to the Internet early Saturday, including emails stolen from officers, tips which appeared to come from members of the public, credit card numbers and other information.

Anonymous said it had stolen 10 gigabytes worth of data in retaliation for arrests of its sympathizers in the U.S. and Britain.

Tim Mayfield, a police chief in Gassville, Ark., told The

Associated Press that some of the material posted online including pictures of teenage girls in their swimsuits—was sent to him as part of an ongoing investigation. He declined to provide more details.

Mayfield's comments were the first indication that the hack might be serious. Since news of some kind of cyberattack first filtered out less than a week ago, various police officials said they were unaware of the hacking or dismissed it as nothing to worry about.

Though many of the leaked emails appeared benign, some of the stolen material seen by the AP carried sensitive information, including tips about suspected crimes, profiles of gang members and security training.

The emails were mainly from

sheriffs' offices in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Mississippi. Many of the websites were operated by a Mountain Home, Ark., media services hosting company, and most, if not all, were either unavailable on Saturday or had been wiped clean of content. The company, Brooks-Jeffrey Marketing, declined to comment.

In a statement, Anonymous said had leaked "a massive amount of confidential information that is sure to (embarrass), discredit and incriminate police officers across the US." The group said it hoped the disclosures would "demonstrate the inherently corrupt nature of law enforcement using their own words" and "disrupt and sabotage their ability to communicate and terrorize

communities."



Josie Hull, center right, and sister Teresita Cajas, center left, formerly conjoined Guatemalan twin girls who were separated in a surgery in 2002, celebrate their 10th birthday, Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011, in Malibu, Calif.

### Witnesses: Polygamist leader ruled with heavy hand

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP)— Convicted polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs ruled with a heavy and abusive hand, several former followers testified Saturday, recounting how the man they once revered as a prophet banned parades, Sports Illustrated magazine and even the color red upon rising to power.

The second day of Jeffs' sentencing hearing later ended with a woman, now 28, tearfully alleging that Jeffs also sexually abused her as a young girl. Charges were never filed in that alleged incident. Three jurors cried during the woman's testimony, and state District Judge Barbara Walthers adjourned court until Monday.

The same jury convicted Jeffs on Thursday on charges of sexually assaulting two underage girls he had taken as brides in Texas. He faces up to life in prison, and jurors are likely to decide his punishment early next week.

For the second straight day, Jeffs wasn't in court. He walked out in protest Friday and has continued boycotting the proceedings, choosing instead to remain in another room of the courthouse.

Jeffs, 55, is the ecclesiastical head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which believes polygamy brings exaltation in heaven. More than 10,000 followers consider him God's spokesman on Earth.

One of them was Ezra Draper, who testified that FLDS men began taking brides younger and younger after Jeffs took over the polygamous group in 2002.

You could see which girls were with which fellas. It would repeat itself week after week," said Draper, who left the church in 2003. "Then they were with child."

Prosecutors have tried showing in the sentencing phase that Jeffs ruled the FLDS with a far heavier and crueler hand than his father, who Jeffs succeeded. Draper testified that while Rulon Jeffs allowed fun activities such as parades and dances, his son abruptly put a stop to it in the community.

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Government Employees' Credit Union Board of Directors (BOARD) hereby gives notice that the BOARD has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 10:30 am at the Credit Union Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. The following agenda will be discussed:

- ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
  - Call to Order Roll Call
  - Adoption of Agenda
  - Adoption of Minutes December 18, 2009 June 28, 2011
- GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT II.
  - Collection Status
  - Financial Report-Monthly Operational Matters
- III. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- NEW BUSINESS IV.
  - Loan Policy
  - 2011 Budget Proposal
- MISCELLANEOUS
- ADJOURNMENT VI.
- Angel S. Hocog Chairperson

### **Marianas Public Land Trust** (MPLT) **ITB 11-1**

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT or Trust) invites interested insurance brokers who are licensed to conduct business on Saipan at the time of the bid submission, to submit priced bids providing Fiduciary Liability insurance.

Copies of the bid package are available from the MPLT office or via email from the Trust's Office Manager, Bobbie Reyes at bobbieannreyes@mplt.gov.mp

Three copies of complete bids shall be delivered to MPLT no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, 6 September 2011.

### **Fundraising Raffle Winners for Jose Tenorio Chong** July 30, 2011

Prizes	Description	Ticket#	Name
Grand	\$1,000 Cash	2495	ChaLida
Baby Grand	1 Live young Cow	3991	Lee C
1st	1 – Live Pig	1328	Emy
2nd	1 – Live Goat	1602	Luis Sablan
3rd	1-Live Roster	2139	Frankye
4th	1-Live Pig (Roasting Size)	2535	Jessica Sonoda
5th	1-Live Goat	2164	Dexter Mendiola
6th	1 Live Rooster	2719	No Name
7th	1-Live Goat	1219	Bacha
8th	1-Live Pig (Roasting Size)	1158	Mark Quin
9th	1-Live Piglet	1834	Frances Ramon
10th	1-Live Piglet	0430	Julie Enriquez
11th	\$50 Worth of Fish	1879	Reyes
12th	1 pair – Parakeet Bird	1144	Ezra Helgen
13th	1 pair – Duck	1989	Emy
14th	1 pair - Rabbit	2427	Alfredo Aurelio
Consolation	Prizes		
15th		2778	No Name
16th		2041	R Chong
17th		1939	S.T.
18th		1485	No Name
19th		2665	No Name
20th		1435	Craig
21st		0514	Evelyn B. Manglona
22nd		2441	A. Bricia
23rd		0908	J.O.P.
24th		2808	No Name

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our family and friends for their support during this Fundraising Event. And to all the people who helped in donating prizes and who bought tickets,

We will always keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Un sen Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase/Thank You

## World

## Copter shot down, killing 30 US troops, 8 Afghans

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)— Insurgents shot down a U.S. military helicopter during fighting in eastern Afghanistan, killing 30 Americans, most of them belonging to the same elite Navy SEALs unit that killed Osama bin Laden, as well as seven Afghan commandos, U.S. officials said Saturday. It was the deadliest single loss for American forces in the decade-old war.

The downing was a stinging blow to the lauded, tight-knit SEAL Team 6, months after its crowning achievement. It was also a heavy setback for the U.S.-led coalition as it begins to draw down thousands of combat troops fighting what has become an increasingly costly and unpopular war.

None of the 22 SEAL personnel killed in the crash were part of the team that killed bin Laden in a May raid in Pakistan, but they belonged to the same unit. Their deployment in

the raid in which the helicopter crashed would suggest that the target was a high-ranking insurgent figure.

Special operations forces, including the SEALs and others, have been at the forefront in the stepped up strategy of taking out key insurgent leaders in targeted raids, and they will be relied on even more as regular troops pull out.

The strike is also likely to boost the morale of the Taliban in a key province that controls a strategic approach to the capital Kabul. The Taliban claimed they downed the helicopter with a rocket while it was taking part in a raid on a house where insurgents were gathered in the province of Wardak overnight. Wreckage of the craft was strewn across the crash site, a Taliban spokesman said.

A senior U.S. administration official in Washington said it appeared the craft had been shot

down. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the crash is still being investigated.

"Their deaths are a reminder of the extraordinary sacrifices made by the men and women of our military and their families, including all who have served in Afghanistan," President Barack Obama said in a statement, adding that his thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those who perished.

The U.S.-led coalition said 30 American service members, a civilian Afghan interpreter and seven Afghan commandos were killed when their CH-47 Chinook crashed in the early hours Saturday. A current U.S. official and a former U.S. official said the Americans included 22 SEALs, three Air Force combat controllers and a dog handler and his dog. The two spoke on condition of anonymity because military officials were still notifying the families of the dead.

Geneva Vaughn of Union City, Tennessee, told The Associated Press on Saturday that her grandson Aaron Carson Vaughn, a Tennessee native, was one of the SEALs who was killed.

Jon Tumilson of Rockford, Iowa, was also among the

### **U.S.** helicopter shot down



SEALs killed in the attack, his father George Tumilson told The Des Moines Register.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai announced the number of people killed in the crash and the presence of special operations troops before any other public figure. He also offered his condolences to the American and Afghan troops killed in the crash.

number of coalition troops killed this year in Afghanistan and 42 this month.

The overnight raid took place in the Tangi Joy Zarin area of Wardak's Sayd Abad district, about 60 miles (97 kilometers) southwest of Kabul. Forested peaks in the region give the insurgency good cover and the Taliban have continued to use it as a base

The deaths bring to 365 the despite repeated NATO assaults.

### Syria promises free election as it tightens siege

**BEIRUT** (AP)—The Syrian military tightened its suffocating siege on the city of Hama on Saturday in its drive to crush the main center of the anti-regime uprising in the country, even as the foreign minister promised that free parliamentary elections would be held by the end of the year in a gesture of reform.

Like previous reform promises, the new announcement is unlikely to have much resonance with Syria's opposition, which says it has lost all confidence in President Bashar Assad's overtures.

The four-year term of the current parliament expired earlier this year and Assad is expected to set a date for new legislative elections before the end of 2011.

Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem pledged to press ahead with reforms and said the new parliament "will represent the aspirations of the Syrian people."

"The ballot box will be the determining factor and it will be up to the elected parliament to review adopted draft bills to decide on them," he said during a meeting he held with Arab and foreign ambassadors in Damascus.

But Syria was coming under increasing international criticism over the bloody siege of Hama, launched last Sunday after residents calling for Assad's ouster took over the city of 800,000 and barricaded it against regime forces. Activists said Saturday that security forces killed 24 people around the country a day earlier.

Gulf Arab countries broke their silence on the bloodshed, calling Saturday for an immediate end to the violence and for the implementation of "serious" reforms in Syria. In a statement posted on its website, the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council expressed deep concern and regret for "the escalating violence in Syria and use of excess force."

A spokesman said in a news release Saturday that U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon urged Assad in a phone conversation to stop the use of military force against civilians immediately.

### A-BOMB ANNIVERSARY

Doves fly by the gutted Atomic Bomb Dome, center in background, preserved as a landmark for the tribute to the A-bomb attack, following a speech delivered by Prime Minister Naoto Kan, marking the 66th anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing, at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, western Japan, Saturday, Aug, 6, 2011. The Japanese city of Hiroshima on Saturday marked the 66th anniversary of the bombing with a moment of silence at 8:15 a.m. Saturday (2315 GMT Friday)—the time the bomb was dropped on Aug. 6, 1945, by the United States in the last stages of World War II. The bomb destroyed most of the city and killed as many as 140,000 people. A second atomic bombing Aug. 9 that year in Nagasaki killed tens of thousands more and prompted the Japanese to surrender.

### LONDON (AP)—The gritty

north London neighborhood of Tottenham exploded in anger Saturday night after a young man was shot to death by police.

Two patrol cars, a building and a double-decker bus were torched as rioters clashed with officers in front of the Tottenham Police Station, where people had gathered to demand "justice" for the death of a 29year-old killed in an apparent gunfight.

"It's really bad," said local resident David Akinsanya, 46.

"There are two police cars on fire. I'm feeling unsafe.'

Sirens could be heard across the city as authorities rushed reinforcements to the scene. In Tottenham shop windows were smashed as residents looted the stores, pushing shopping carts full of stolen goods down the street.

Officers in riot gear and on horseback pushed up against the demonstrators. Akinsanya put the number of demonstrators at between 400 and 500. Police said there were about 300 people gathered.

Riot hits north London after police shooting death Miles from the tourist hotspots of central London, Tottenham is one of the most deprived areas in all of England, with nearly half of all children living in poverty, according to campaigners.

> In 1985, Tottenham was the scene of a deadly riot after a local woman suffered heart failure when her home was raided by the police. The Tottenham riots were among the most violent in the country's history, with one officer stabbed to death as he tried to protect firefighters and nearly 60 others were hospitalized.

### **ASIAN BRIEFS**

#### **Rebels seize Philippine** mayor, kill soldier

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— The military says communist rebels have kidnapped the mayor of a southern Philippine town. The guerrillas ambushed pursuing soldiers, killing one. The abduction comes as the government holds talks with the New People's Army to end one of Asia's longest-running insurgency. Military spokesman Maj. Eugenio Osias says rebels in two vans seized Mayor Henry Dano of Surigao del Sur province's Lingig township from his home early Saturday. The gunmen were disguised as National Bureau of Investigation agents. He says the guerrillas ambushed responding troops, killing one and wounding five. The motive for the kidnapping was unclear.

#### Rebels launch push in western Libya, aim for coast

BIR AYAD, Libya (AP)—Rebels launched a new offensive Saturday out of their stronghold in Libya's western mountains, battling regime forces in a drive toward the heartland of Moammar Gadhafi's rule on the Mediterranean coast. Opening a new front, the rebels are aiming to break a monthslong deadlock and eventually fight their way to the capital, Tripoli. Booms of shelling and rocket fire echoed from the front lines, centered around the town of Bir Ghanam, where the rebel force backed by tanks fought Gadhafi's troops much of the day. Later, witnesses saw flattened buildings presumably targeted in NATO airstrikes and three smoldering government tanks in the town. Rebels are hoping for a breakthrough in the far west of Libya, frustrated with the stalemate in the center of the country.

#### 270,000 attend Israel's biggest pocketbook protest

JERUSALEM (AP)—At least a quarter of a million Israelis, fed up with the mounting cost of living, poured into the streets of the country's major cities Saturday night to demand that their leaders address their plight—and proving by their tremendous numbers that they will not go away. The snowballing protest, which started out three weeks ago with a few 20-somethings pitching a tent encampment on a posh Tel Aviv street, has swiftly become a big headache for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, seen by many middle class Israelis as too friendly to big business. Traveling by car, bus, train and foot, some 230,000 Israelis, according to police estimates, descended on Tel Aviv to mount the largest social protest in the country's history.

## Focus

# )&A on S&P's downgrade of US debt

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AP BUSINESS WRITERS

Standard & Poor's has taken the unprecedented step of lowering the top credit rating that the U.S. has held for nearly a century. A look at this downgrade, and downgrades in general- and what they mean:

#### Q: What did Standard & Poor's do?

A: The ratings agency downgraded its rating on the federal government's long-term debt one level from the top AAA grade to AA+. Long-term debt includes notes and bonds that come due in more than one year. They have terms ranging from two to 30 years. Short-term debt includes Treasury bills that have terms ranging from a few days to 52 weeks. The rating on the government's short-term debt was not downgraded. Of the \$9.4 billion in publicly traded U.S. government debt, 72 percent is long-term.

#### Q: What does a downgrade mean?

**A:** A downgrade is a warning to buyers of bonds and other debt that the chance that they won't get their money back has increased, however slightly. In theory, downgrades should lead to higher borrowing costs for the issuer (in this case, the government), since investors demand a higher interest rate if they're taking a bigger risk.

### Q: Does it mean U.S. interest rates will go up?

**A:** The 10-year Treasury note is considered the basis for all other interest rates, so higher rates on that and other longterm U.S. debt could lead to borrowing costs on everything from mortgages to car loans. That would also make it more expensive for state and local governments, companies and consumers to borrow money.

But it's not clear that S&P's downgrade will have an effect on rates. Treasury securities are a foundation of the U.S. financial system and are still considered one of the safest investments in the world. As stocks plunged the last two weeks, the price of Treasurys soared because demand was high, even though investors knew there might be a downgrade. Since yields on debt securities fall as prices rise, the yield on the 10year note dropped from 2.96 percent on July 22 to 2.39 percent on Friday.

A downgrade could spur a "quick jolt of nervous, kneejerk selling" of bonds, raising rates in the short term, said Guy LeBas, chief fixed income strategist at Janney Montgomery Scott. But investors are so worried about the economy and need the safety of Treasurys that

### What the credit rating agencies do

The task of rating agencies, such as Standard & Poor's, is to guide investors about risk levels when buying bonds. All three agencies are accredited by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. They attach one of a series of creditworthiness ratings to governments, municipalities and large corporations. A look at their business:

### **STANDARD** &POOR'S

- · S&P is known for its financial research as well as its stock indices in the United States, Australia, Canada, India and Italy
- · Market share about 40%
- Headquarters New York City

Investment grade

Highly vulnerable,

Past due on interest

speculative

## Moody's

- · Moody's is the holding company for Moody's Analytics; performs global financial research on countries and firms
- · Market share about 40%
- Headquarters New York City

· Fitch tends to be the agency to which investors turn when the other two of the "Big Three" agencies disagree

Economy can affect finances A

Prone to economic changes BB

Medium class companies

Situation varies noticeably

Non-investment grade

Currently vulnerable

Highly vulnerable, but

still meeting obligations

Partially defaulted, high risk

(AAA)

AA

В

CCC

C

- · Market share about 15%
- Headquarters Paris

Investment grade

Quality companies

Best quality

### nparing the Big Three's ratings systems

#### Investment grade Highest quality borrower Highest quality

	ingilout quality	
(AA)	High quality	Aa
Α	Upper-medium	Α
BBB	Moderate credit risk	Baa
	Speculative, or 'junk'	
BB	Questionable credit quality	Ва
В	Speculative, high credit risk	В
CCC	Low grade, default possible	Caa
	A BBB BBB B	AA High quality Upper-medium Moderate credit risk Speculative, or 'junk' Questionable credit quality Speculative, high credit risk

CC

Low grade, usually in default C How the U.S. ranks

Highly speculative

usually in partial default

Not publicly rated ▶ Moody's Aaa (highest) Fitch AAA (best) · Criticism of S&P It and the other agencies have

Aaa

Criticism of Moody's, Fitch Both agencies had given a AAA rating to Credit Suisse Group, which issued \$340.7 million in CDOs; eventual losses on those totalled about \$125 million

### been sharply criticized for having given AAA ratings to risky pools of collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) during the runup to the 2008 financial crisis

they could quickly become buy-

#### Q: Wasn't this what the debt limit agreement in Congress was supposed to prevent?

Highly vulnerable, in arrears C

S&P's AA+ (high)

**A:** Yes, but S&P sees the agreement as falling short of what's necessary to fix the nation's finances. The spending cuts Democrats and Republicans agreed on were relatively modest. More difficult, comprehensive cuts were pushed to the future. S&P also notes that the possibility of new revenue, for instance from tax increases, appears more remote than before. The rancor around the agreement also made it more clear how far apart Democrats and Republicans are. "Our opinion is that elected officials remain wary of tackling the structural issues required to effectively address the rising U.S. public debt burden," S&P said.

### Q: What did the other ratings agencies do?

A: The two other major agencies haven't taken action yet. Moody's Investor Service has said it might downgrade the U.S. rating, but its chief economist noted Friday that Treasury securities "are still the gold standard." Fitch Rat-

### Kingdom \*Oil 222 exporters Brazil 207 Taiwan 155 \*Caribbean banking centers Russia 125

Which countries hold

the most U.S. bond debt?

securities for April 2011, in billions

\$1,152

Top holders of U.S. Treasury

Japan

Switzerland 112 Total held \$4.5 trillion

Hong Kong 122

\*Ecuador, Venezuela, Indonesia, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Algeria, Gabon, Libya, Nigeria

\*\* Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Netherlands Antilles, Panama

Source: McClatchy Washington Bureau, Yahoo! Finance, T. Rowe Price, U.S. Department of

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ings said last week that the

agreement on budget cuts was

an important first step but "not

the end of the process.' Q: How many times has the U.S. been downgraded below

A: Never. The S&P has given the U.S. a AAA rating since 1941. The U.S. and has only faced the threat of a downgrade once. In 1995, when

similar default loomed and the credit rating agencies warned of a downgrade. At the time, the country had \$4.9 trillion in debt-nearly \$10 trillion less than now. Once Congress resolved that debt crisis a year later, the credit agencies removed their warning.

### Q: How has a downgrade affected other countries?

**A:** In May 1998, knocked Belgium, Italy and Spain from AAA to AA. A week later, their 10-year rates had barely budged. In some cases, fell. A week after S&P took Ireland's AAA rating away in March 2009, 10-year rates in that country had fallen 0.18 percentage points.

#### Q: What other countries have AAA ratings from S&P?

A: Britain, Germany, Australia, Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Finland are among those that have the top rating.

### Q: How big is the market for **U.S.** government bonds?

A: At \$9.3 trillion, the U.S. government bond market is massive compared with those of other countries. Daily trading of Treasurys runs at \$580 billion, far higher than British gilts (\$34 billion) or German bunds (\$28 billion), according to a recent study by Fitch.

"I think no matter what happens, Treasurys are the safe haven," said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at the brokerage BTIG in New York. "No other market is as large or as liquid."

Treasurys have a solid appeal for the world's central banks. China's central bank holds an estimated \$1.16 trillion. Japan, the second largest foreign owner, holds \$912 billion.

Fitch said the status of the U.S. dollar and the size of the Treasury market are the biggest reasons investors won't abandon Treasurys soon. The dollar is the global reserve currency, which means a significant amount of global purchases are made in dollars— like toys and computer chips from China, coffee from Kenya, cars from Japan and oil from all over the world. Central banks in other countries therefore hold large reserves of U.S. currency, mostly through Treasury purchases.

#### Q: How long might it take for the U.S. to regain a AAA rating?

A: Analysts say it could be tough for the U.S. to regain the AAA rating soon especially given its current economic challenges. S&P officials implied that it will take years to see a meaningful change in the U.S. fiscal situation and in the government's ability to cut the budget.

## US downgrade raises anxiety, if not interest rates

By PAUL WISEMAN AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The real danger from the downgrade of U.S. government debt by Standard & Poor's isn't higher interest rates. It's the hit to the nation's fragile economic psyche and rattled financial markets.

S&P's decision to strip the U.S. of its sterling AAA credit rating for the first time and move it down one notch, to AA+, deals a blow to the confidence of consumers and businesses at a dangerous time, economists say.

The agency is "striking at the heart of what makes the global economy tick," says Chris Rupkey, chief financial economists for the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ. "It isn't just dollars and cents."

One economist, Paul Dales of Capital Economics, worried

that the downgrade could even trigger another financial crisis that sends Western economies back into a recession.

The timing could hardly be worse for the U.S. The economy added 117,000 jobs in July, more than expected. But other economic indicators, including manufacturing, consumer spending and overall growth, are getting weaker.

And the markets just came through their most harrowing two weeks since the financial crisis of 2008. The Dow lost about 10 percent of its value on fears of a new recession and Europe's spiraling financial problems.

In normal times, in another country, a downgrade in a country's sovereign debt rating probably would force its government to pay higher interest rates to convince investors to keep buying its debt.

If that happened, it would

ers pay on mortgages and auto loans, which are often tied to the government's interest rate.

But the United States is a special case. Treasury debt is considered the safest investment in the world - even after the downgrade. Investors don't doubt the U.S. government's ability to repay the \$9.8 trillion it owes.

They also know they can easily buy and sell Treasury bills, notes and bonds. Rupkey calls Treasurys the "strongest, deepest, most liquid" market in the world.

"Anytime there's a problem anywhere on the planet, investors come to the safety of the U.S., and they don't go anywhere else," says Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Despite worries about the U.S. government's huge debts and rumors of an impending

drive up the rates that consumdowngrade from S&P, the yield on 10-year Treasury bonds was still a low 2.56 percent Friday.

That's because investors, worried about the weak U.S. economy and debt troubles in Europe, saw American bonds as a safer place to put their cash than, say, stocks.

"Where else are you going to put your money?" says Joe Libin, a Salt Lake City mortgage banker. "We're growing anemically. We've got a debt problem. But at least we're bobbing along. We're best-looking of the ugly kids at the prom."

U.S. banking regulators also moved quickly to reinforce the security of Treasury debt after S&P announced the downgrade Friday night. Regulators said they would continue to view Treasurys as a zero-risk investment and would not force banks to hold more capital against their Treasury investments.

## Health & Fitness

## Study: Healthy eating means spending more at store

By DONNA GORDON BLANKINSHIP

SEATTLE (AP)—A healthy diet is expensive and could make it difficult for Americans to meet new U.S. nutritional guidelines, according to a study published Thursday that says the government should do more to help consumers eat healthier.

An update of what used to be known as a food pyramid in 2010 had called on Americans to eat more foods containing potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin D and calcium. But if they did that, the study authors said, they would add hundreds more dollars to their annual grocery bill.

Inexpensive ways to add these nutrients to a person's diet include potatoes

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and beans for potassium and dietary fiber. But the study found introducing more potassium in a diet is likely to add \$380 per year to the average consumer's food costs, said lead researcher Pablo Monsivais, an assistant professor in the Department of Epidemiology and the School of Public Health at the University of Washington.

'We know more than ever about the science of nutrition, and yet we have not yet been able to move the needle on healthful eating," he said. The government should provide help for meeting the nutritional guidelines in an affordable way

He criticized some of the marketing for a healthy diet—for example, the image of a plate of salmon, leafy greens and maybe some rice pilafand said a meal like that is not affordable for many Americans.

Food-assistance programs are helping people make healthier choices by providing coupons to buy fruits and vegetables, Monsivais said, but some also put stumbling blocks in front of the poor.

He mentioned, as an example, a Washington state policy making it difficult to buy potatoes with food assistance cou**Healthy Living** 

### What's on your plate?

To help combat obesity, the U.S. Agriculture Department - with help from the first lady - is promoting a new food icon and a user-friendly nutrition website. Dair

#### **Healthier choices**

· The new food guidelines advise making half your plate fruits and vegetables, making at least half your grains whole grains and eating fat-free or low-fat dairy

· Avoid supersized portions

· Choose packaged foods, such as soups and frozen meals, that are lower in salt, and drink water instead of sugary drinks

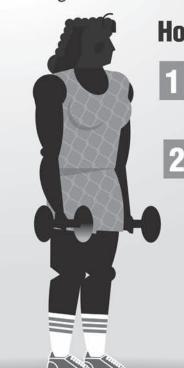
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### Personal Trainer

## A simple, effective exercise

When performed properly, lunges isolate the upper leg muscles and strengthen them with low risk of injury.



Don't let front

of your toes

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knee move ahead

### **How to do lunges**

Stand straight with light weights at your sides, feet parallel and slightly less than a shoulder-width apart

With back straight and abdomen tight, take an exaggerated step forward; rear foot remains in starting position; hips move forward

**Target** muscles

Gluteus maximus

Hamstring muscles

Bend and lower trailing knee so your body moves downward; stop 1 to 2 in. (3 to 5 cm) above floor

Push off with lead foot and raise body to starting position; keep back straight

Quadricep

muscles

Backward movement should be smooth and controlled

Repeat on

opposite side

Graphic: Paul Trap

Source: Center for Athletic Medicine at University of Southern California University Hospital

pons for women with children, even though potatoes are one of the least expensive ways to add potassium to a diet.

Grains

Protein

Fruits

getables

The study, published in the journal Health Affairs, was based on a random telephone survey of about 2,000 adults in King County, Wash., followed by a printed questionnaire that was returned by about 1,300 people. They noted what food they ate, which was analyzed for nutrient content and estimated cost.

People who spend the most on food tend to get the closest to meeting the federal guidelines for potassium, dietary fiber, vitamin D and calcium, the study found. Those who spend the least have the lowest intakes of the four recommended nutrients and the highest consumption of saturated fat and added sugar.

Hilary Seligman, assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, said Monsivais' research is an interesting addition to the debate about healthy eating and food insecurity, her area of expertise.

A lot of people assume the poor eat cheap food because it tastes good, but they would make better choices if they could afford to, said Seligman, who was not involved in the study.

"Almost 15 percent of households in America say they don't have enough money to eat the way they want to eat," Seligman said. Recent estimates show 49 million Americans make food decisions based on cost, she added.

"Right now, a huge chunk of America just isn't able to adhere to these guidelines," she said.

But Monsivais may have oversimplified the problem, according to another professor who does research in this area. Parke Wilde, associated professor at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, said it's not expensive to get all the nutrients a body needs to meet the federal guidelines.

What is expensive, in Wilde's opinion, are the choices Americans make while getting those nutrients.

He said diets get more and more expensive depending on how many rules a person applies to himself, such as eating organic or seeking local sources for food or eating vegetables out of season.

"The longer your list gets, the more expensive your list will be," he said.

Seligman said her list can get longer than Wilde's, but not everything is a choice. Adding to the cost of buying healthful food could be how far away from home a person needs to travel to get to a grocery store that sells a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The government also affects food prices through the subsidies offered to farmers growing certain crops, she added.

### Japan team produces sperm from mice stem cells

**TOKYO** (AP)—A team of scientists stem cells of mice in an experiment that could be a breakthrough toward treating infertile humans, according a newly released study.

The Kvoto University researchers managed to induce mice stem cells into creating sperm precursors, which were transplanted into infertile male mice. The mice then produced sperm that was successfully used to fertilize eggs in vitro.

The offspring were healthy and fertile, according to a paper published online Thursday in the Cell, an academic journal.

The research team, led by Mitinori Saitou, said they believe their success may help in the development of infertility treatments in humans, although they said many hurdles remain.

"We have high hopes, but it's not that has produced viable sperm from the easy," Saitou told the Associated Press by telephone Friday from Kyoto, in western Japan. "There are many difficult issues ahead in applying this to humans. But it is a first step."

Experts outside the group say it's an important first step toward infertility treatment although there would be a long way.

"This is a very good experiment for thinking about treatment of infertile man but a very very long way," said Toshio Suda, developmental biology professor at Keio University.

He said the Kyoto team's findings were great work but it is not easy to prepare the mature sperm cells at present. If some hurdles are cleared, it could successfully identify "which gene is very important to prepare the sperm."

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## Life & Style

# 101 things I love about Hawaii (Part I)

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### First of a four-part series

Hawaii usually evokes images of a tropical paradise, incredible surf and waves, spectacular sunsets, romantic getaways, leis and hula dances, but nothing could prepare any first time visitor for everything that the Aloha State has to offer.

And it's true what they say: Those who haven't stepped foot on Hawaii wouldn't be able to comprehend its allure—whether it's the enchanting landscapes or the fine weather and the warm welcome of its people.

There are more than 101 things to love about Hawaii, but here's a roundup of what I love, what I did, and should have done in July on the island of Oahu, "the gathering place."

1. Having the best of both worlds. Hawaii's Oahu boasts of high-rise hotels, world-class shopping centers, international restaurants, and other five-star amenities in the sprawling city of Honolulu (which means "sheltered harbor.") Oahu, the most developed Hawaiian island, is the center of government, commerce, tourism, and the arts. But the frenetic "city" vibe easily gives way to rainforests, mountains, beautiful beaches, desolate roads, and miles of pineapple fields. With a size of 607 square miles, Oahu is where urban and rural communities exist side by side. It has a great appeal to someone who was born and had lived in a city before moving to the island of Saipan more than a decade go.

**2. Getting lei'd.** What else would give a first-time visitor a big smile and that Hawaiian vibe but a lei of fresh flowers at the airport from a friend? Lei is a Hawaiian word for a wreath of flowers or other objects such as sea shells and coconut shells strung together and draped around the neck to welcome somebody or as a show of affection.

3. Free Hawaiian music and hula. Six days a week, there are free authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows at the Kuhio Beach hula mound near the Duke Kahanamoku statue in Waikiki. The show, which runs from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, starts with a torch lighting and blowing of a conch shell. A big crowd gathers long before the start of the show.

**4. Elephants, at last!** I don't remember seeing real elephants until I visited the Honolulu Zoo. Simple joys! I took my time inside the 42-acre urban jungle, especially in the African Savanna, until the zoo was about

to close that day.

**5. Waikiki Aquarium.** I passed by this place several times and always told myself I will visit it before leaving Oahu. That didn't happen.

**6.** A visit to Pearl Harbor. I could never leave Hawaii without visiting Pearl Harbor for its historical significance. Every year, more than 1.5 million people visit Pearl Harbor to pay tribute to those who lost their lives during the Japanese' surprise air raids on the U.S. Pacific fleet on Dec. 7, 1941.

The surprise attacks, which cost some 2,500 American lives, catapulted the United States into World War II. One of Pearl Harbor's landmarks is the USS Arizona Memorial, a white platform sitting directly over the sunken USS *Arizona* that became the tomb for 1,177 sailors and Marines whose average age was 19. The 608-foot battleship sank in nine minutes after being hit and without firing a shot,



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The statue of King Kamehameha the Great (1756-1819) in downtown Honolulu fronting the old Judiciary Building is one of the most photographed statues in Hawaii.

taking the sailors and Marines to their death.

Today, the structure is part of a \$52 million visitor center that has a museum, bookstore, and shoreline exhibits. The center also has a film documentary of the attack and a free boat ride out to the USS Arizona Memorial every 15 minutes, from 8am to 3pm.

**7. Other attractions at Pearl Harbor.** Many of those who visit the USS Arizona Memorial also visit the USS *Missouri*, whose deck hosted the Japanese surrender that ended World War II, and the USS *Bowfin* Submarine Museum and Park.

The USS *Bowfin*, one of only 15 World War II submarines still in existence today, is nicknamed "the Pearl Harbor Avenger" for it successful attacks on the Japanese.

Also at the center of the Pearl

The author has her picture taken with giraffes at the Honolulu Zoo.

Harbor Historic Site is the Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island. It features vintage warplanes and displays dedicated to air combat and its vital role in the Pacific during World War II.

Great (1756-1819) is perhousing the Hawaii's greatest historic figure by unifying the Hawaii islands under one rule. The statue of King Kamehameha downtown Honolulu fronting world war II.

8. Lost and found. Embarrassing as it may sound, I got separated from my tour group while visiting Pearl Harbor. Luckily, I found three others from the same tour bus I was in who were similarly lost. The four of us formed an alliance and succeeded in getting a boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial. My newfound friends included one from Alaska, who was traveling with his friends, a couple from Chile. We talked about how disappointing it would be if after a 26-hour travel from Chile to Alaska and some six hours more from Alaska to Honolulu, the Chileans would miss a boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial. We were reunited with the rest of the tour group on our way back to downtown Honolulu.

**9. Rainbows.** Oahu doesn't seem to run out of them.

10. Punchbowl. Tours to Pearl Harbor are usually paired with a visit to the National Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as Punchbowl, which is the resting place of over 25,000 people who served in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. This cemetery lies in the middle of an extinct volcano called Puowaina Crater; the first word means "consecrated hill."

11. Hawaii's Royal Palace. Downtown Honolulu, a hodge-podge of past and present, is where the only royal palace in the United States can be found. Called the 'Iolani Palace, it was built for King Kalakaua in 1882 to enhance Hawaii's prestige overseas and to mark Hawaii's status as a modern nation. The palace is a National Historic Landmark and is open to public tours from Tuesday through Sunday.

**12. King Kamehameha the Great.** King Kamehameha the

Great (1756-1819) is perhaps Hawaii's greatest historical figure by unifying the Hawaiian islands under one rule. The statue of King Kamehameha in downtown Honolulu fronting the old Judiciary Building is one of the most photographed statues in Hawaii. That said, I had my photo taken in front of the imposing statue.

13. Oldest church. Also in downtown Honolulu is the Kawaiahao Church, Oahu's oldest church built of coral slabs. Completed in 1842, the church is widely known as the "Westminster Abbey of the Pacific" and is listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Today, the Kawaiahao Church remains one of the few remaining churches in Hawaii to offer services in the Hawaiian language.

14. Mission Houses Museum. Nearby is the Mission Houses Museum, which tells the history of the earliest Christian missionaries in Hawaii and the story of cultural change in 19th-century Hawaii. The structures that make up the museum were built between 1821 and 1841, making them the oldest surviving Western-style build-

ings in Hawaii.

**15. Hawaiian sunsets.** I will always remember the marvelous images of a sun about to set or right after setting, whether I was strolling on Waikiki's beaches, or while having happy hour at Koko Marina, or before the main show at Paradise Cove.

**16. Staying active.** Oahu is one place where there are no reasons for people not to love the outdoors, stay active, and stay fit.

**17. Efficient public restrooms.** Regardless of where public restrooms are located on Oahu, they are always efficient. They have running water, liquid or foam soaps, tissues and paper toilet seats, among other things.

**18. Gentle rains.** They don't bother tourists and residents. But then, there were occasional heavy rains during the time I was there.

**19. P.F. Chang's.** I remember my first dinner in Hawaii, about an hour after my arrival. That's my first time at P.F. Chang, and I wish they have one on Saipan too. Crisp, savory lettuce wraps are among P.F. Change's signatures.

**20. People watching.** With approximately 4.5 million peo-

ple visiting Oahu each year, it's one island in the Pacific where you can't help but be amazed by the sheer number of tourists you see.

21. Crowd drawers. They say Oahu's five most popular attractions and places that consistently draw the most number of visitors each year are the USS Arizona Memorial (1.5 million visitors); the Polynesian Cultural Center, (1 million visitors); Honolulu Zoo (750,000 visitors); Sea Life Park (600,000 visitors); and the Bernice P. Bishop Museum, (500,000 visitors). Now I'm wondering why I missed three of the five.

**22. Mongoose.** One other kind of animal I think I saw for the first time, but outside the zoo, was a pair of mongoose at the Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve.

23. "Pearly Shells." While hanging out at the poolside bar of one of the high-rise hotels in Waikiki one late afternoon, we were treated to a heartwarming classic Hawaiian song, "Pearly Shells," sung by a veteran who came back to Hawaii for the first time more than 60 years after being stationed at Pearl Harbor. The crowd loved him.

24. Longhi's. This open-air, Italian-Mediterranean restaurant at the Ala Moana Shopping Center is famous for its award-winning cuisine of fresh island fish, prime steaks and giant lobsters. Besides the hearty meals, Longhi's boasts of good views of the Ala Moana Beach Park. I remember coming in 45 minutes late for lunch at Longhi's. I lost track of time, and it took me a while to figure out how to get there.

**25. Island hopping.** Were it not for a last-minute decision to revisit California, I was thinking of visiting another Hawaiian island—Maui. But maybe next time.

To be continued.



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The USS Arizona Memorial is a white platform sitting directly over the sunken USS Arizona that became the tomb for 1,177 sailors and Marines during the Japanese' surprise air raids on the U.S. Pacific fleet on Dec. 7 1041

## Summer's comedy king Jason Bateman wants to direct

BY SANDY COHEN
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LOS ANGELES (AP)—In "Horrible Bosses" and "The Change-Up," which opens Friday, Jason Bateman plays a hardworking guy who loves his job but yearns for something new.

In real life, Bateman is an actor with three decades of experience who loved starring in two fun summer comedies but really longs to direct.

The 42-year-old stands to be the season's comedy king with his two R-rated flicks coming out just a few weeks apart. In "Horrible Bosses," he plays Nick Hendricks, a management candidate so frustrated by his twisted supervisor that killing him seems like a good idea. In "The Change-Up," Bateman is Dave Lockwood, an attorney about to make partner who loves his wife and two kids but envies the no-responsibility lifestyle of his best friend, played by Ryan Reynolds. One drunken night, the two buddies talk about

switching lives with each other, and the next day discover that they have changed bodies.

Bateman talked with The Associated Press about his big comedy summer and deep desire to direct.

#### AP: What drew you to "The Change-Up"?

**Bateman:** It's the R-rated version of the body-switching movie. No one's ever done that. And who better to write that than the guys who wrote "The Hangover" and who better to direct it than the guy who did "Wedding Crashers," so it's really an all-star execution of this kind of funny. From an acting standpoint, it's every actor's dream to be able to play two sides of the coin, Jekyll and Hyde, or what have you. In this case it's sort of the conservative guy to the philanderer. So I sent e-mails to the studio, to (director) David Dobkin. I really, really, really wanted this.

AP: Was the experience everything you hoped it would be? **Bateman:** It was more than



**Bateman** 

what I wanted it to be... Fortunately, my instinct on how to play the character really matched everybody's expectations about how the character would be played so it was just very simple all the way through, and the end result is something I'm incredibly proud of. I'm pretty confident that people are going to really, really like this movie. They're going to get all the R-rated laughs they can handle—and probably a few more

than they're comfortable with but it's couched in actually a very real and touching domestic story that's a little unexpected but certainly adds to the film.

#### AP: Was it just coincidence that you played these two overachiever-types this summer?

**Bateman:** Let's face it, those are the parts that people think of me for ever since "Arrested Development," because that is basically the type of character I played there and that was certainly a career restart for me, a re-identification of who I am and the kind of thing that I do, the kind of humor that I do. So, understandably, those are the kind of roles that come my way. But the more chances I get to play characters like Mitch in "The Change-Up" and if people like that character and the movie is well received, maybe I'll start getting roles that are a little more left of center, a little more obtuse, and any actor loves to mix it up.

(That said, though, Bateman

says he'd be up to reprise his Michael Bluth character should the anticipated "Arrested Development" film move forward. He had no update on the movie's status other than to say creator Mitch Hurwitz was in negotiations about the project.)

#### AP: You write, direct and act. Which is your favorite and why?

**Bateman:** Writing, that's super hard but is very gratifying when you finish. Acting I find the simplest, probably just because I've been doing it a long time and it's very gratifying. But, really, directing is the job I would most like to do because it would allow me to exercise all the things that I've learned all these years. It's just ultimately much, much more challenging and I'm at a place in my life where I'm just very eager to challenge myself more. I'm not feeling lazy or lethargic or that I want to wind things down. I'm more ambitious than I've ever been and feel more excited to contribute creatively than I ever have. Directing is definitely the position you want to fill on the set if you want to contribute fully.

### AP: Do you have a directing project coming up?

**Bateman:** We're flirting with a few but it's a tough thing to schedule. It's almost like trying to schedule doing a play. You have to commit way out in advance and that commitment is usually about a 12-month commitment. I'm a very, very lucky boy right now that I'm getting invites to participate in projects as an actor from some people that I respect and admire greatly, so it's tough to pick and choose and to block out the time to do the directing, although there's nothing I'd rather do. So don't be surprised if I disappear for 12 months and go off and direct something.

AP: So what's next for you? Bateman: We're very close on

a couple of things, but I can't say anything about them yet. Things look to remain busy, thank God, because I do love to work.

### Loving Lucy on her 100th birthday anniversary

LOS ANGELES (AP)—On the 100th anniversary of Lucille Ball's birthday, her daughter is asking fans of the "I Love Lucy" star to be joyous.

"They shouldn't mourn. She had one of the best lives ever," Lucie Arnaz said. "She is one of the few people we can look at and say she left us something that can help."

"I Love Lucy," which starred the redheaded actress as a zany homemaker and then-husband Desi Arnaz as her bandleaderspouse, first aired from 1951-55 and still is seen around the world on TV and on DVD.

Lucie Arnaz, 60, said she knows that Ball's legacy of laughter has proved uplifting.

"Every place I go, every country I'm in, I hear, 'If it wasn't for your mother, I wouldn't have gotten through cancer. Or, 'I was in a low point of my life and watched (the show) and laughed so hard, and if I can do that I can make it," Arnaz said.

She said the modest Ball always counted herself lucky to work with her husband, costars Vivian Vance and William Frawley and the show's writers, who mapped out the action for



In this undated image, comedian-actress Lucille Ball and her husband, musician-actor Desi Arnaz from the comedy series, "I Love Lucy," are shown. Ball, who died on April 26, 1989, would have celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011.

Ball's many wordless slapstick scenes that showcased the star.

But she was "the consummate clown of the universe," Lucie Arnaz added. Ball also had the right man at her side when she and Desi Arnaz pioneered the three-camera sitcom with "I Love Lucy" and founded the successful Desilu production house

"She married this wonderful guy who made her better and who protected her and showed her off to her best advantage," Lucie Arnaz said.

The couple, who also had a son, Desi Arnaz Jr., 58, divorced in 1960 but remained friendly.

Desi Arnaz died in 1986 at age 69. Lucille Ball, born 100 years ago Saturday in Jamestown, N.Y., died in Los Angeles in 1989. She was 77.

Lucie Arnaz was asked by an interviewer from China this week to explain why her mother and the show are so popular there. It's a "phenomenon," Arnaz said.

"I think of her as Mom most of the time. Then I switch ... and try to see her as the rest of the world does. It's almost too big," Arnaz said

### Fox plans to bring back 'Cosmos' science series

(AP)—The Fox network is bringing back Carl Sagan's universe-spanning docu-series "Cosmos," and "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane is on board for the ride.

The 13-part "Cosmos: A Space-time Odyssey" is scheduled to launch in 2013, Fox announced Friday. More than three decades after the debut of the revolutionary "Cosmos," the new series has teamed MacFarlane with Sagan's original creative collaborators. The host will be astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, Fox said.

The original "Cosmos" with Sagan was first broadcast in 1980 and remains among the most globally successful American public TV series of all time. (The beloved astronomer-astrophysicist Sagan died in 1996.)

National Geographic Channel will air a same-night encore of the episodes following their broadcast on Fox.

"It doesn't really feel like a natural fit on Fox," the network's entertainment president, Kevin Reilly, acknowledged. "But we just like the challenge of it. ... Will it be our biggest hit? Probably not. But I think we can have real success with it, and a long tail and a big cultural impact."

But Reilly took a nearerterm look at Fox's plans during his session with reporters at the Television Critics Association gathering.

Almost jokingly, he broke it to reporters that he had no update on scattered reports that Jennifer Lopez has closed her deal to return to "American Idol" as a judge.

Then he described Fox's fall season of programming as

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. "a hot hand." His prediction: "Fox is going to have success in every genre next year, and the potential for breakout suc-

> Looming large this fall is the new Simon Cowell-produced competition series "The X Factor," which Reilly called "the mother of all shows."

cess in those genres."

But he insisted, "We're not a one-show network. We're a seven-night-a-week network, and I want to be a year-around network and push out that May curtain call."

Also on Fox's fall slate is the big-budget sci-fi series "Terra Nova," which has struggled with multiple delays in getting to the air.

Reilly described the difficult process of perfecting the show's special effects, which include believable-looking dinosaurs interacting with its human stars.

"I've seen episodes that were essentially finished and then you look at some of the effects and they look like hand puppets," Reilly said. "Then I look at it three weeks later and they look like a little bit better hand puppets. Then a few more weeks and they start to look good. And then two days before it's finished, it looks amazing.

"You just can't share it prematurely. But they're right on schedule where they need to be," he said. "Is 'Terra Nova' a big bet. Yes, it is. But that's the business we're in."

Asked what the future holds for "Glee," Reilly described its new season as focused, taking a back-to-basics approach as it centers on core characters. In the "first batch" of shows, he said, there will be no guest-star-driven or music-tribute episodes.

### 'Glee' creators are scaring up a 'Horror Story'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. an attempt to start over after (AP)—When Ryan Murphy was a child, his grandmother forced him to watch the daytime horror soap "Dark Shadows."

"She would make me sit through it to toughen me up," he recalled. "And when I was bad, I had to watch 'The Waltons."

Murphy, whose credits include "Nip/Tuck" and "Glee," is now the co-creator of an upcoming FX series, "American Horror Story."

The show centers on the Harmon family, which moves to Los Angeles from Boston in

suffering domestic problems. But the house the Harmons move into is haunted.

"American Horror Story" isn't so much about horror as about marriage and infidelity, Murphy told reporters Saturday during a session of the Television Critics Association conference.

But series co-creator Brad Falchuk said both he and Murphy are obsessed with the horror genre.

The goal with their new series, Falchuk said, was to figure "how can we bust the genre up, while paying homage to all the films that we love so much." High on their list: "Don't Look Now," "The Shining" and "Jaws."

The series' cast includes Oscar-winner Jessica Lange in her first regular TV series role, and, as the Harmons, Dylan McDermott ("The Practice") and Connie Britton.

Britton, who recently ended her run as a high school football coach's wife on the muchacclaimed drama "Friday Night Lights," said she avoids horror films: They scare her too much.

"I recently did the remake of 'A Nightmare on Elm Street'because

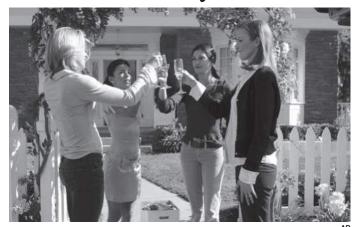
I was going to face my fears," she confided. After shaking her head with dread, she sparked laughter from reporters when she said, "I should not be here."

On the other hand, she acknowledged that she was looking for a different project when "American Horror Story" came along.

"I thought this would definitely be, in every way, completely different from 'Friday Night Lights," she said, adding, "For me, it transcends horror, the way 'Friday Night Lights' transcended football."

"American Horror Story" premieres Oct. 5.

## Source: Next year last for 'Desperate Housewives'



This undated photo from ABC shows, from left, Felicity Huffman, Eva Longoria, Teri Hatcher and Marcia Cross toasting one another in a scene from ABC's "Desperate Housewives.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The "Desperate Housewives" of Wisteria Lane might want to get their affairs in order.

According to a person familiar with ABC's plans for the drama, next season will be its last. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the network and producers hadn't authorized public comment.

ABC, which is scheduled to discuss its fall schedule at a news conference Sunday, declined comment.

"Desperate Housewives," a glossy prime-time soap opera with an ensemble cast including Terri Hatcher and Eva Longoria, made a pop-culture and ratings splash when it premiered in 2004 but has seen its audience dwindle. There's been off-screen drama as well, with former cast member Nicolette Sheridan suing over her departure.

Its creator, Marc Cherry, isn't returning to produce next season's episodes of "Desperate Housewives."

### Amy Winehouse's goddaughter performs at UK fest

EASTNOR CASTLE DEER PARK, England (AP)—Amy Winehouse's 15-year-old goddaughter performed an outstanding set at the Big Chill music festival, mirroring her late mentor by closing her show with a cover of Winehouse's "Love Is a Losing Game."

Dionne Bromfield got tearyeyed when she performed the song, barely able to sing its last few words, though the crowd cheered her on.

"She was an amazing singer," Bromfield said. "She was not only my godmother, but she was my mentor and my boss as well.'

The big-voiced singer sang with ease during her 30-minute performance on Saturday, the second day of the U.K. music festival.

Bromfield was a reminder of Winehouse: She stood close to the mic while belting lyrics, with her big hair and tiny build.

She was backed by a 5-piece band and dancers, performing songs from her two albums and singing mainly about boys and relationship troubles.

Her scratchy voice was topnotch as she sang soul songs with pop flavors, especially on the old-school sounding "Remember Our Love" and the up-tempo "Yeah Right." She also performed covers of Cee Lo Green's smash "Forget You" "and the Shirelles' "Mama Said," Bromfield's first single.

Winehouse, who had struggled with drug and alcohol addiction, was found dead of unknown causes at her London home on July 23.

Bromfield is signed to Winehouse's label, Lioness Records.

### ABC: Sorry about Nicki Minaj wardrobe malfunction

NEW YORK (AP)—ABC At," some slips made one of News is apologizing for a wardrobe malfunction that gave singer Nicki Minaj more exposure than she bargained for.

Minaj appeared Friday on the "Good Morning America" concert series, wearing a loose-fitting halter top that she occasionally had to adjust. As Minaj sang "Where Dem Girls her nipples fleetingly visible.

Despite a five-second delay, the slips were seen during the East Coast's live telecast. ABC said they were edited out of Friday's later feeds to other parts of the country.

ABC says in a statement: "We are sorry that this occurred."



Nicki Minaj reacts following a wardrobe malfunction during a live performance on ABC's Good Morning America in New York, Friday,

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### TV's Mr Bean leaves UK hospital after car crash hadn't been trapped inside the

car. Britain's Daily Mirror tab-

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Atkinson

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not disclose details

LONDON (AP)—"Mr. Bean" actor Rowan Atkinson, whose character is known for hapless driving in the television shows and films, left a hospital Friday

after being treated for minor injuries following a sports car crash in southern England.

56-year-old comedian was driving his McLaren F1 supercar—one world's fastest road cars-when he crashed late Thursday, striking a tree and a lamppost before the vehicle caught fire, authorities said. Firefighters said Atkinson

Atkinson

of his injuries. The accident occurred close to Haddon, a village about 85 miles (140 kilometers) north

of London.

Atkinson was given a routine breathalyzer test at the scene and will face no criminal charges, police said.

His McLaren F1 car has a top speed of 230 mph (370 kph), though police did not suggest Atkinson had been speeding. The exclusive cars can cost around \$1 million.

The actor, a car enthusiast, appears in a series of motoring mishaps in his "Mr. Bean" series. He is shown in one program driving a Mini while seated on the vehicle's roof. Atkinson is also known for the historical comedy series "Blackadder."

try to have fun with it."

in traditional categories as well as other areas such as touring. Nominees, performers and presenters will be announced soon.

### In-laws' use of leftovers meets dogged resistance

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** My in-laws have a small dog, "Fluffy," who has come to rule their lives. That's OK, because it doesn't really affect me. However, we frequently have them over for dinner, and they insist on taking home a large portion of whatever meat was served to give to their dog. I'm not talking about scraps from everyone's plates—the amount they take would be a serving for another meal.



I have objected to this practice in the past, but each time they come for dinner they seem to have "forgotten" the lesson. I don't like it! How can I tactfully tell them not to take meat from my table for Fluffy?

#### "STEAKING" MY CLAIM, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

**DEAR "STEAKING": You already have told your in-laws** not to take the meat you are serving for their dog. Either their memories are failing, or your feelings aren't important

Suggestion: When you have them to dinner, set up the plates in your kitchen rather than have dishes on the table, and immediately refrigerate any meat you haven't served. Or consider serving your in-laws a meatless dinner. (I can hear them now, asking, "Where's the BEEF?")

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Bud," retired a year ago and now does almost nothing with his life. He calls himself a "house husband," but that's a lie. All he does is watch TV or play on his computer all day while I work full time outside the home.

Our house has become a pigsty. If I try to do some cleaning, Bud gets mad and says he'll do it "later." Later comes

Returning to a filthy house after work is driving me crazy. He doesn't even do the grocery shopping; I have to do it on my lunch hour.

Any advice on how I can get his rear end off the couch and get him to assume some responsibilities? I don't usually nag, but I'm so mad I'm taking out my frustrations on my exercise bike. It's making me very fit, but I'm still upset about his lack of ambition.

WIFE OF A LAZY SLOB

DEAR WIFE: You and Bud have a communication problem. Rather than scold him about his inactivity, try to get him to tell you (calmly) what his "vision" of retirement is. You may find that it's very different from yours. He may also be depressed at the changes that have occurred in his life.

If Bud was always a "lazy slob," then face it—that's the person you married. However, if this is a recent, radical change in his behavior, you should insist he be examined by his doctor. But taking out your frustrations on your exercise bike is not a solution, and you may have to decide if this is how you want to live the rest of your life.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in a small office of eight people, and we have two restrooms—one for the men, the other for the women. Recently the women's restroom was out of order and we had to use the men's room.

In a case like this, what is proper etiquette? Do we girls put the seat back up when we are finished, or leave it down? The guys in the office said it should be left up.

HE SAID, SHE SAID

DEAR H.S.S.S.: I say that because both sexes are using the same restroom—which makes it temporarily unisex—the toilet seat should be left down.

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### Trace Adkins, Kristin Chenoweth to host ACAs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)— Multi-platinum country star Trace Adkins says he won't be as nervous this time when he hosts the second American Country Awards on Fox television.

Emmy-winning actress Kristin Chenoweth will join him as co-host for the fan-voted awards show airing live from Las Vegas

Adkins signed on to host last year because he thought it would be a challenge that would take him out of his comfort zone. But he said he didn't start to enjoy it until about halfway into the two-hour show.

"Up until that point, I was pretty scared and nervous that I was

not doing very well, and I probably didn't do well, but at least I became comfortable with the fact that I probably wasn't doing well," Adkins told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

This time, he won't be as selfconscious.

"When you're just stumbling through something, everything's a blur. I don't know if you learn a whole lot, but I'm looking forward to it," said Adkins.

His biggest take-away? "Don't take yourself too seriously, and

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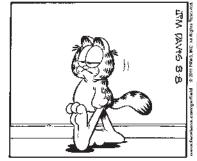
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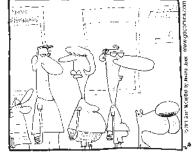
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Personal changes will make you feel good and encourage you to engage in social events geared toward meeting potential partners. You will learn valuable information by interacting with knowledgeable and worldly people. •••••

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your schedule simple. You will be criticized if you don't live up to your promises. A contract, settlement or gift will lead to financial gain, but before spending, pay off any overdue bills. Avoid excess if you socialize. ���

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put more emphasis on relationships. Time spent with people who have something to offer will result in life-altering changes. Don't reveal your secrets or you may jeopardize your chance to get ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Dress the part and play the game. Your strategy will count, and your ability to win will depend on how you react. Don't let emotions take over and cause you to lose sight of your goal. A confident attitude will help eliminate uncertainty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Jump into the spotlight and show everyone what you can do. Your ability to adapt will make

you look good and put you in the running for a better position at work or within your circle of friends. Love is in the stars, and a promise can be made. OOOOO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't rely on anyone to do your work for you. An emotional encounter will lead to anger and upset. Learn from your past experiences and you will know how to avoid getting trapped in a no-win situation. Knowledge will pay off, and speaking authoritatively will help you bypass trouble. 😂

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Interacting with people, groups or organizations that actively pursue causes you believe in will lead to new friends and ideas, but don't feel that you have to overspend to contribute. Your time and knowledge will be sufficient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't venture too far off course. Trying to do things your way will pose a problem with a client or someone for whom you work. Adapt your home to the lifestyle you want to live. Collect whatever is owed you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a leap of faith and follow your heart. Different cultures, traditions and beliefs will capture your attention. An unexpected change at home will leave you scrambling. Keep a close watch over your money and possessions.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can improve your personal life, but do so for the right reasons. Don't overspend, thinking it will help you get your way. Change can be good, but not if you haven't calculated each move. A cautious approach will spare you grief and sorrow.

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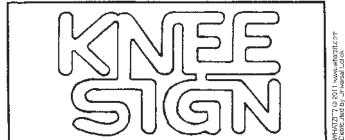
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## Red Sox rip Sabathia, Yankees for AL East lead

(AP)-Jaco-

by Ellsbury had a three-run homer with a career-high six RBIs as the Boston Red Sox continued their mastery of CC Sabathia and beat the Yankees 10-4 on Saturday, ending New York's eight-game winning streak and moving back into a tie atop the AL East.

Carl Crawford had four hits—giving him hits in six straight plate appearances—and scored three runs.

John Lackey (10-8) scattered six hits over six innings for the Red Sox, who are 9-2 against New York this season and have clinched at least a tie in the season series.

Sabathia (16-6) leads the majors in wins, and his 2.55 ERA coming into the game was tied for fifth. But he fell to 0-4 with a 7.20 ERA against Boston this year after allowing seven runs in six innings on Saturday, giving up nine hits and a walk and striking out six.

Lackey allowed three runs-he also walked two and hit two batters—while striking out five to win his fifth consecutive decision.

### Tigers 4, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Justin Verlander lasted seven innings despite some balky defense behind him and the Detroit Tigers hung on to beat the Kansas City Royals, moving their ace into a tie for the major league lead in wins.

Tigers star Victor Martinez in Sunday.

Verlander (16-5) won his fifth straight start and improved to 13-2 in his career against Kansas City. He allowed three runs and five hits while striking out eight. He pulled even with Yankees lefty CC Sabathia for the most victories this year.

Joaquin Benoit pitched out of a jam in the eighth for Detroit and Jose Valverde converted his 32nd straight save to start the season, matching the club record set by AL MVP Willie Hernandez in 1984.

### White Sox 6, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Zach Stewart threw six sharp innings in his White Sox debut, Paul Konerko drove in two runs and Brent Lillibridge added a late two-run homer as Chicago beat the Minnesota Twins.

The White Sox secured the first series win against their division rivals since 2009, and first in Minnesota since 2007 by taking the first two games of the weekend series.

Stewart (1-1) was called up from Triple-A Charlotte less than 24 hours before his fourth career major league start. Jake Peavy was originally scheduled to pitch opposite Carl Pavano(notes) (6-9), but the White Sox bumped the veteran right-hander to Sunday to make room for the 24-year-old Stewart.

Acquired in a four-player



New York Yankees' Brett Gardner (11) slides into second after being forced out, as Boston Red Sox's Marco Scutaro, top, watches his throw to first on a ball hit by Derek Jeter in the seventh inning of a baseball game in Boston, Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011.

trade from Toronto on July 27, Stewart gave up eight hits over 6 1-3 innings with two strikeouts and a walk.

### Athletics 8, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Brandon McCarthy pitched five-hit ball for eight innings, David DeJesus homered twice and the Oakland Athletics earned a rare road victory by beating the Tampa Bay Rays.

McCarthy (5-5) helped Oakland win for just the eighth time in its last 38 games away from home. He struck out five before Fautino De Los Santos finished up with a hitless ninth.

Coco Crisp stole a career-best four bases, giving the Oakland speedster 37 this season. DeJesus hit a pair of solo homers, while Jemile Weeks and Adam Rosales both had two RBIs.

Tampa Bay's B.J. Upton grounded out in the second inning, ending a stretch of reaching base in seven consecutive plate appearances. Upton is one of seven players who share the team record of eight.

### Orioles 6, Blue Jays 2

In Baltimore, Adam Jones hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning after Brandon Morrow was perfect through five, and the Baltimore Orioles rallied to beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

Chris Tillman (3-4) allowed two runs and four hits over seven innings to earn his first win since May 11. Called up from Triple-A Norfolk before the game for his third stint with Baltimore, he struck out five and walked one to help the Orioles secure their third win in 11 games.

Morrow (8-6)breezed through the first five innings, striking out five and allowing only three balls out of the infield. Forty-four of his 56 pitches during that span were strikes.

### Mariners 5, Angels 1

In Anaheim, Blake Beavan pitched in and out of trouble through eight impressive innings, Trayvon Robinson hit his first major league homer in his second game up from Triple-A, and the Seattle Mariners beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Former Angels postseason star Adam Kennedy hit a tworun double for the Mariners, who are 6-3 since their franchise-record 17-game losing streak. The victory was only their third in their last 20 games at Angel Stadium.

Beavan (3-2) allowed a run and eight hits, struck out two and walked none in his sixth big league start—the rookie has pitched into the seventh in-

ning in every one of them. The 22-year-old right-hander faced the Angels on July 8 at Seattle, getting a no-decision after giving up a pair of solo homers over 6 1-3 innings.

### **Indians 7, Rangers 5**

In Arlington, Michael Brantley hit a go-ahead RBI double and Jason Kipnis homered in Cleveland's four-run ninth inning as the Indians rallied past the Texas Rangers.

Texas carried a 4-3 advantage into the ninth before the Indians came back against closer Neftali Feliz (1-3), who had his sixth blown save in 28 chances.

Kosuke Fukudome led off the ninth with a double off the glove of right fielder Nelson Cruz, who sprinted back to the warning track and nearly made a spectacular catch.

Ezequiel Carrera's sacrifice bunt moved Fukudome to third, and Lonnie Chisenhall's single to right on a 1-2 pitch drove in Fukudome to tie it.

### Phillies 2, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Cole Hamels pitched a seven-hitter for his first win in two weeks and the Philadelphia Phillies made a pair of first-inning runs hold up in a 2-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Saturday, extending

their season-high winning streak to nine games.

Hamels struck out five and faced five batters more than the minimum while dominating the defending World Series champs. All but three of the 27 outs recorded by the All-Star left-hander were made by the infield. Philadelphia also backed Hamels (13-6) with two double plays in a game that took 2 hours, 14 minutes.

#### **Brewers 7, Astros 5**

In Houston, Prince Fielder hit a three-run homer in the first inning and later doubled and singled as the Milwaukee Brewers won for the 10th time in 11 games by beating the Houston

Fielder drove in four runs, giving him 83 RBIs for the season. He reached base all five times. Yuniesky Betancourt had four hits with an RBI, and Ryan Braun(notes) had two hits and scored twice for Milwaukee.

Carlos Lee, J.D. Martinez, and Clint Barmes all hit homers for Houston. Brett Myers(notes) (3-12) lost his sixth straight decision.

### Cardinals 2, Marlins 1

In Miami, Albert Pujols hit a two-run homer in the first inning, then Chris Carpenter and the St. Louis bullpen made it stand up in a win over the Florida Marlins.

Carpenter (7-8) gave five hits over 6 2-3 innings as the Cardinals won for the fourth time in five games.

Fernando Salas, the fifth Cardinals pitcher, worked a scoreless ninth for his 21st save in 24 chances.

Ricky Nolasco (8-8) gave up 10 hits in seven innings.

### Padres 13, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Kyle Blanks hit a grand slam and drove in five runs as the San Diego Padres sent the free-falling Pittsburgh Pirates to their ninth straight loss.

The Pirates were in first place on July 26, but have lost 11 of 12 while plummeting out of the NL Central lead. Pittsburgh fell nine game behind division-leading Milwaukee.

Fans at PNC Park booed as Pittsburgh dropped to 0-6 on its homestand. The last-place Mets 11, Braves 7 Padres have won three in a row overall.

The Padres had not hit a grand slam this season until Chase Headley(notes) did it Friday night. Blanks' shot marked the first time San Diego had hit slams on consecutive days since Aug. 13-14, 1991, when Fred McGriff had both.

### Cubs 11, Reds 4

In Chicago, Carlos Zambrano hit his 23rd career home run and pitched six solid innings, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds for their seventh straight win.

The Cubs pounded Reds starter Johnny Cueto (7-5) for five runs and seven hits in 3 2-3 innings. Chicago has its longest winning streak since August 2008.

Zambrano (9-6) overcome early control problems. He allowed six hits and four walks and struck out six.

Starlin Castro drove in four runs for Chicago, his highest RBI total since he drove in six in his major league debut May 5, 2010. He doubled and singled, raising his NL-best hit total to 148.

#### Dodgers 5, Diamondbacks 3

In Phoenix, Nathan Eovaldi pitched five solid innings in his major league debut and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Eovaldi (1-0), who pitched in the Double-A Southern League All-Star game in late June, allowed two runs on four hits. He struck out seven and walked two. He also singled and scored a run.

Scott Elbert pitched the ninth for his second save.

Rod Barajas has three hits and drove in a pair of runs for the Dodgers, who have won four of five.

### **Rockies 15, Nationals 7**

In Denver, Ty Wigginton and Chris Iannetta each homered in a five-run fourth inning, Jhoulys Chacin won for the first time in seven weeks and a Colorado team shaken by the loss of rookie pitcher Juan Nicasio to a neck injury beat the Washington Nationals.

Troy Tulowitzki went 3 for 3 with two doubles and drove in three runs for the Rockies.

Carlos Gonzalez added a pair of singles, scored twice and drove in a run in his return after spending the previous two weeks on the disabled list with a strained right wrist. Dexter Fowler drove in a career-best four runs with a triple and single.

The 24-year-old Nicasio remained hospitalized in serious but stable condition and was said to resting comfortably after undergoing surgery to repair a fractured vertebra suffered the night before when hit in the head by a line drive.

In New York, Justin Turner homered twice and the New York Mets stopped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Jason Bay and Josh Thole also homered for the Mets, who banged out 16 hits to break out of a weeklong offensive funk. New York hit four homers in a game for the first time in more than a year.

Dan Uggla extended his hitting streak to 27 games, and Freddie Freeman ran his own to 20 for the Braves, who have lost four of six.

Jonathon Niese (11-8) gave up a season-high 10 hits, but made it through five innings.

## Scott leads Ishikawa by a shot at Firestone



AKRON, Ohio (AP)— Ryo Ishikawa amazed even his peers in a charity-driven

sport when he pledged in March to donate his entire earnings on the golf course to the tsunami relief fund in his native Japan.

He could double the donation Sunday in a World Golf Championship that is surprising even him.

Coming off a missed cut in Japan, never better than 20th in stroke play in America, the 19-year-old sensation made six birdies and twice escaped trouble in the trees Saturday for a 6-under 64 that put him in the final group and only one shot behind Adam Scott in the Bridgestone Invitational.

Along with a \$1.4 million payoff, Ishikawa could become the youngest winner of a PGA Tour event in 100 years.

"I think it's a little too early to think about winning this whole thing as of now," Ishikawa said. "But I do feel that I was able to play at a pretty good level, a pretty high level today. Actually, I'm a little surprised of how I performed out there."

Scott turned his fortunes around when decided to stick what was working, going to a fade off the tee. He poured in four birdies on the back nine for a 4-under 66, giving the 31-year-old Australian a shot at his first World Golf Championship.

Scott was at 12-under 198, the lowest 54-hole score at Firestone in 10 years. He will play in the last group with Ishikawa. In front of them will be Jason Day, whose 66 put him one shot behind. Day and Scott tied for second in the Masters this year.

About the only thing Tiger Woods can now get out of this week are four rounds and some points to help him qualify for



Adam Scott, from Australia, watches his tee shot on the fourth hole during the third round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011.

the FedEx Cup playoffs at the end of the month. Woods, a seven-time winner at Firestone who hasn't played in nearly three months, struggled again with his putting and had a 72. He was 13 shots behind in a tie for 38th in the 76-man field.

"I've just got to put together a good round and let it build," Woods said.

Scott in the lead should be

compelling enough, especially with Woods back to golf. It was only two weeks ago when Woods announced he had fired his caddie, Steve Williams, and Scott then hired him on a fulltime basis.

But that's became old news because of one of the youngest players in the field.

Ishikawa might be the only other player in golf to appreciate what it's like to get attention like Woods. He has been a star in Japan since he won his first tournament as a 15-year-old amateur, and his 10 wins on the Japan Golf Tour include shooting a 58 in the final round to win The Crowns.

He has earned so much respect from his peers that Scott, even though he was leading, was not the least bit bothered to spend most of his interview talking about the kid once known as the "Shy Prince."

"I first saw him in Japan when he was 15, and he had already won an even over there. I mean, said. "I think this week is really big for him. It's great that he's playing well over here probably for the first time, if I'm not mistaken, first time he's really challenging at a world event.

"He's only 19. He's got everything in front of him."

Ishikawa doesn't get much attention in these parts because he has struggled in America, with only one top 10 in 2010 when Ishikawa reached the third round of the Match Play Championship. This is his 22nd tournament in America, and he started feeling comfortable only

this kid is really amazing," Scott when he tied for 20th at the Masters this year.

> The spotlight? He's been coping with that for a long time.

He gets the kind of media coverage in Japan that Woods gets around the world. It's not unusual to see Ishikawa sit in a folding chair after every round to accommodate dozens of Japanese media.

Now comes the hard part.

A win would make him the youngest winner of a PGA Tour event since John McDermott at the 1911 U.S. Open at 19, who was one week younger than Ishikawa.

### Woods struggles again and falls far behind

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Tiger in tournament play. And most Woods has discovered something about his game that he never imagined could be a problem.

He's hitting it too straight. pedestrian another round Saturday that caused him to lose more ground in the Bridgestone Invitational, Woods didn't hit a fairway until the 11th hole and struggled so much with his putting that one of his associates brought a different putter out to the practice green after a round of 72.

Woods was at 1-over 211, which left him 13 shots behind Adam Scott going into Sunday.

What he noticed at Firestone, however, was the shape of his tee shots. Instead of playing a fade or a draw off the tee, depending on the shape of the flight he wanted, Woods is hitting it straighter. He said the trouble was still aiming right or left.

"Still struggling a little bit with my setup and alignments off of tee shots because I used to curve the ball a lot more," he said. "I don't curve the ball as much anymore, and it's kind of hard to trust when I'm out there of my shots are missing right on the edges of fairways, so I've just got to get more committed to that.

"I'm hitting the ball straighter," he said. "It's a nice change. But it's still a change."

That was the scouting report out of Atlanta Athletic Club when Woods played a practice round Monday ahead of next week's PGA Championship. He was having a hard time picking out the right target, instinctively aiming farther outside the fairway lines because for years he was used to more movement on his shots.

He missed every fairway on the front nine, and some of them weren't that close. His shot on No. 6 went into the gallery, plunked a fan in the back and bounced into the rough on the other side of the ropes. Brady Klotz, the college kid he struck, was so excited about being hit that he posed with the glove that Woods signed for him.

Woods picked up two birdies to offset some early mistakes, but finished poorly. A sand wedge for his third shot to the par-5 16th went over the green and into a bunker for a bogey, and he three-putted the 18th for a 72.

The putter is the biggest concern, as it has been since he first returned from the calamity in his personal life at the 2010 Masters. Woods went back to his Scotty Cameron, the model that he has used in 13 of his major championships. But after his round, the Nike putter was being delivered to him on the practice green.

'You've got to think he's just rusty," Watson said. "Like if we have a winter break, we've got a three-month winter break, the first tournament you're a little rusty. But 18 just showed how great he is. He hit some kind of a pitching wedge that sliced over that tree. That just proves he's close, and he's coming back and he's ready."

About all that Woods can get out of this World Golf Championship now is four rounds, and hopes of a good Sunday to improve on his standing with the FedEx Cup playoffs at the end of the month. Woods is at No. 135, although he has two weeks to get into the top 125 and appears he can at least do that.

### Sanders, Sharpe, Faulk, Dent enter Hall of Fame



Ohio (AP)— Prime Time has come to Canton —with an ex-

tra touch of gold. And a black

Deion Sanders strutted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday night sporting a pair of gold shoes to go with the gold jacket emblematic of the special company he has become

At the end of his riveting acceptance speech, he placed his ubiquitous do-rag on his hall bust. Neon Deion indeed.

"This game," Sanders repeated dozens of times, "this game taught me how to be a man. This game taught me if I get knocked down, I got to get my butt back up.

"I always had a rule in life that I would never love anything that couldn't love me back. It taught me how to be a man, how to get up, how to live in pain. Taught me so much about people, timing, focus, dedication, submitting oneself, sacrificing.

"If your dream ain't bigger than you, there's a problem with your dream."

Sanders joined Marshall Faulk in entering the hall in their first year of eligibility. Shannon Sharpe, Richard Dent, Chris Hanburger, Les Richter and Ed Sabol also were enshrined before an enthusiastic crowd of 13,300much lower than the usual turnout. With Sunday's Hall of Fame game a victim of the 4 1/2-month NFL lockout, Fawcett Stadium was half full.

Not that Sanders needs a big audience.

The dynamic cornerback and kick returner ran off a list of people who influenced him as smoothly as he ran past opponents, whether running back kicks or interceptions—or even catching passes when he appeared as a wide receiver, or dashing around the bases in the major leagues, including one World Series appearance.

He spoke of promising his mother she could stop working in a hospital when he became a success, and of how he created the Prime Time image at Florida State—then turned it into a persona.

A Hall of Fame persona.

"What separates us is that we expect to be great," he said. "I expect to be great, I expect to do what had to be done. I expect to make change."

Just as Sharpe expected to change his life as a kid who went to college with two brown grocery bags filled with his be-

When Sharpe headed to Savannah State, all he heard was how he was destined to fail.

"When people told me I'd never make it, I listened to the one person who said I could: me," Sharpe said.

Failure? Sharpe went from a seventh-round draft pick to the most prolific tight end of his time. He won two Super Bowls with Denver and one with Baltimore, and at the time of his retirement in 2003, his 815 career receptions, 10,060 yards and 62 TDs were all NFL records for a tight end. Three times he went over 1,000 yards receiving in a seasonalmost unheard of for that position. In a 1993 playoff game, Sharpe had 13 catches against Oakland, tying a record.

Sharpe patted his bust on the head Saturday before saying, "All these years later, it makes me proud when people call me a self-made man."

In a captivating acceptance speech, Sharpe passionately made a pitch to get his brother, Sterling, who played seven years with the Packers, considered for election to the shrine. Sterling, who introduced his younger brother for induction, wept as Shannon praised him.

"I am the only player who has been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame and am the second-best player in my family," Sharpe said.

"I am so honored. You don't know what this means for me. This is the fraternity of all fraternities."

Faulk was the running back of running backs for much of his 12-season career.

As versatile and dangerous a backfield threat as the NFL has seen, Faulk was voted the NFL's top offensive player in 1999, 2000 and 2001, and was the

NFL's MVP in 2000. He was the league's scoring leader in 2000 and '01, made seven Pro Bowls, and was the first player to gain 2,000 yards from scrimmage in four consecutive years.

The second overall draft pick in 1994, when Faulk was offensive rookie of the year, he played five seasons in Indianapolis, then his final seven for St. Louis, helping the Rams to their only Super Bowl victory in 1999.

Through tears, Faulk said, "Boy this is pretty special. ... I am glad to be a part of it. This is football heaven.

"I am a football fan just like all of you," Faulk told the crowd. "I have always, always been a fan and had an abiding passion and love and respect for this game of football, even when I was a kid selling popcorn in the Superdome because I couldn't afford a ticket.

"It's tough going from the projects to the penthouse."

## Shirley's caging eyes Aug. 28 opening



The 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League is

aiming for an Aug. 28 kick-off at the TSL Sports Complex.

League coordinator Boy Lingcaso said so far 10 teams have already confirmed their

participation in the caging and only two more slots are available. The list includes inaugural champion Micronesian Brokers, Inc., Mobil, PSS/McGraw-Hill, Hyatt, Hanwa/World Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Pacific Trading, Wushin, Bank of Guam, and host Shirley's.

Each team is allowed to re-

cruit only five players outside their companies.

Organizers are planning to hold games in the Shirley's caging every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Meetings and other details about the league will be announced later.

Last year, 10 teams joined the

second edition of the Shirley's caging with Pacific Islands Club winning over Aqua Resort Club in the best-of-three title series. In 2009, MBI swept Advance in the best-of-three finals,

For more information about this year's Shirley's caging, contact Lingcaso at 233-4519 or 287-2926. **(PR)** 

#### and the former triumphed after one sudden death hole. Jong Won Lee also came from four strokes behind at the start of the

In the Ladies Flight, Leina Kim trampled the 22-player field.

final round.

Kim had an impressive 7-under par 65 in Day 1 and never looked back. She posted a 74 yesterday, but still finished a dozen stroke ahead of runner-up Noriko Togawa. Although she started slow, Togawa matched Kim stroke for stroke vesterday. Junior golfer Jeong Yun Kim (159), Yuko Togawa (161), and Maea Jeon (163) rounded out the Top 5.

In the Ladies low net, Masayo Miyamoto took the top honors ahead of runner-up Shiori Oneue and third placer Aiga S. Payne.

Do Hyun Kim scratched a pair of 80's for a 160 and the top place in the 20-player A Flight. Ned O. Norita (161) finished only a stroke back and two shots ahead of third placer Yongwoon Choz (163). Alexander A. Sablan (166) and Ralph N. Yumul (168) completed the Top 5.

In the B Flight, both frontrunners hailed from Tokyo, Japan and put on a grand display to top a hefty field of 48 players. Junior golfer Yoji Ozeki squeezed past runner-up Hisato Komatsu in a playoff after both golfers finished tied at 158.

Komatsu's 76 on Saturday led Ozeki by two coming into the payoff round, but the former struggled against Mother Nature yesterday. In the end, Ozeki maintained his cool during the last round and kept it rolling into the playoff.

Changsik Choe (160) finished alone in third place, while Joseph Shirai Muna beat Precillano D. Azarcon in a playoff after both golfers finished Sunday tied at 164.

Lawrence Camacho topped the 56-player C Flight, posting an 81, followed by an 83 yesterday for his 164 total.

Eight stokes back came runner-up John Jr. M. Reyes, while Shi Hong Jin and Sean Lee finished third and fourth, respectively. All three golfers were tied at 172 before the playoff hole, while Martin F. Duenas (174) rounded out the fifth spot.

Barry Wilson topped the 16-player Senior Flight. He led Day 1 with a 75 and managed an 80 yesterday, setting the bar with a 155. Tadashi Umezawa and Vic Borja finished just a stroke behind him and the former received runner-up honors after a playoff. Joseph D. Sablan finished fourth after beating fifth placer Manuel Alvarez in the tiebreak.

Duke Yoo took home the top honors in the 28-player Super Senior Flight with a pair of 81s for his 162 overall tally. Twostrokes back came Dea Young Yoen, while Bill Payne (171) finished third. Manuel Blas and John Sheather finished tied at 172 with the former receiving the nod after a playoff.

All first place winners received \$600 and a bottle of Johnny Walker (blue); runner-ups got \$500 and a bottle of Jonny Walker (gold); third place finishers pocketed \$400 and a bottle of Jonny Walker (green); fourth placers received a digital camera and fifth placers each went home with a \$100 gift card from DFS. Ladies low net winners each received bottles of Jonny Walker and all three junior golfer finishers were awarded commemorative trophies.

Next year's TOC will be held on Aug. 4 and 5 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

#### from-behind win. Bayan/Mobil nailed its first win over Cavite'Andok's, recovering from a five-point deficit in the last two minutes of the match and pulling off an 88-84 tri-

Estolas led all scorers with 32 points, while Ruluked chipped in 22.

umph last week.

Sablan paced UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics with 28, while Villacrusis contributed 26.

Bavani/Mobil 95 - Estolas 32, Ruluked 22, Lizama 15, Sharry 7. Aughenbaugh 6. De Guzman 5, Factor 2, Gapor 2, Gamboa 1.

UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics 81 – Sablan 28, Villacrusis 26. Fitial 19. Manibusan 8.

Scoring by quarters: 15-23, 37-40, 62-62, 95-81

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - Scores Saturday from the \$8.5 million PGA Tour and European Tour event, played at the 7,101-yard, par-70 Firestone Country Club (South Course):

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ored for its good showing in a tournament. In March this year during the Saipan-Settsu caging, Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands nominated the MHS Lady Dolphins for the female student awards. However, the nomination was not accepted and instead the Lady Dolphins were given a special citation.

Meanwhile, NMASA will not be having a meeting next month, as White and other CNMI athletes will be in New Caledonia for the 2011 Pacific Games. The next meeting is set for Oct. 6 and NMASA will select the top athletes for August and September.

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77-74-69-220

72-72-77-221

73-72-77-222

Francesco Molinari 73-64-68-205

Zach Johnson

Rory McIlroy

Steve Stricker

Kyung-tae Kim

David Toms

Matt Kuchar

Nick Watney

Ryan Moore

Robert Karlsson

Lee Westwood

Bubba Watson

Aaron Baddeley

Charley Hoffman

Stewart Cink

Peter Hanson

Retief Goosen

Lucas Glover

D.A. Points

Mark Wilson

Bo Van Pelt

Jim Furvk

Anders Hansen

Scott Stallings

Gary Woodland

Hennie Otto

Tiger Woods

Phil Mickelson

Richard Green

Heath Slocum

Sergio Garcia

Martin Kaymer

Hunter Mahan

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Simon Dyson

Thomas Bjorn

Robert Allenby

Charl Schwartzel

Padraig Harrington 71-70-73-214

Sean O'Hair

Geoff Oailw

Bill Haas

Rory Sabbatini

Alvaro Quiros

Jonathan Byrd

Pablo Larrazabal

Jhonattan Vegas

Graeme McDowell

Brendan Steele

Jeff Overton

Darren Clarke

Harrison Frazar

Jae-bum Park

Paul Casey

K.J. Choi

Justin Rose

Ernie Els

Y.E. Yang

Arjun Atwal

Matteo Manassero

Edoardo Molinari

Brandt Snedeker

### TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

awards selection.

**NMASA** 

Lin Foundation/NMASA Male

Student of the Month award,

but since there is no team cat-

egory for the citation, Jehn

Joyner was nominated for the

plum. Joyner scored the two

NMASA members pres-

ent at the meeting recognized

the efforts of the CNMI U15

strikers and then White said it

is time to consider adding the

team category in the monthly

Last week's meeting was not

the first time a team was hon-

goals for the CNMI.

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### **MLB STANDINGS**

#### **AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division**

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New \	<b>York</b>	69	43	.616	_		
Tampa	a Bay	59	53	.527	10		
Toron	to	57	56	.504	12 1/		
Baltim	nore	44	66	.400	24		

#### **Central Division**

Detroit	61	52	.540	_
Cleveland	56	55	.505	4
Chicago	54	58	.482	6 1/2
Minnesota	51	62	.451	10
Kansas City	48	65	.425	13

#### **West Division**

Texas	63	51	.553	_
Los Angeles	62	52	.544	1
Oakland	50	63	.442	12 1/2
Seattle	49	63	.438	13

#### **NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division**

Philadelphia	74	39	.655	_
Atlanta	65	49	.570	9 1/2
New York	56	56	.500	17 1/2
Florida	55	58	.487	19
Washington	54	59	.478	20

### **Central Division**

Milwaukee	64	50	.561	_
St. Louis	61	53	.535	3
Pittsburgh	54	58	.482	9
Cincinnati	54	59	.478	9 1/2
Chicago	49	65	.430	15
Houston	37	76	.327	26 1/

### **West Division**

San Francisco	62	52	.544	_
Arizona	61	52	.540	1/2
Colorado	53	61	.465	9
Los Angeles	52	60	.464	9
San Diego	50	64	.439	12

Yesterday's Games Boston 10, N.Y. Yankees 4 Baltimore 6, Toronto 2 Chicago White Sox 6. Minnesota 1 Detroit 4, Kansas City 3 Oakland 8, Tampa Bay 0 Cleveland 7, Texas 5 Seattle 5, L.A. Angels 1 Saturday's Games Chicago Cubs 11, Cincinnati 4 Philadelphia 2, San Francisco 1 Milwaukee 7, Houston 5 San Diego 13, Pittsburgh N.Y. Mets 11, Atlanta 7 St. Louis 2, Florida 1 L.A. Dodgers 5, Arizona 3 Colorado 15, Washington 7

### **WGC-BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL SCORES**

### Third Round

Adam Scott	62-70-66-198
Ryo Ishikawa	67-68-64-199
Jason Day	63-70-66-199
Keegan Bradley	67-65-68-200
Martin Laird	66-67-67-200
Luke Donald	68-69-64-201
Fredrik Jacobson	68-66-67-201
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### **LOCAL SCORES**

### **UFO Standings** Visminda/Satbahi 2

Bayani/Mobil Namfrel/Proa Cabalen/Noni UPAA/Hoopaholis NMBA/Mixed Blood 1 MDX/Blue Haus Cavite/Andok's Ali'i Konflikt

### **GUAM**

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pretty good on Saturday and although it was a little more windy and wet today, I think the course held up to the elements pretty well. I felt good with the two-stroke lead this morning, but I ran into some trouble today (yesterday). Hats off to Geon Ju Lee, he played great out there to. I could feel him behind me, especially in the later part of today's (yesterday) round, but fortunately I held it together and got it done," said Sunga at Sunday's awards banquet.

TOC, Sunga did win Guam's Governor's Cup Golf Tournament last November and received free entrance into this year's TOC as part of the prize package.

rea and eight others from Japan.

into the clubhouse tied at 156

due to the unplayable court. It

rained hard Saturday, leaving

the court moist and slippery.

Organizers tried to dry out the

court after the first game, but it

continued raining and officials

decided to call it a night for the

by continuous rain must have

rubbed off on Bayani/Mobil

players, as they were lethargic

in the opening frame and it took

them the entire first half before

Bayani/Mobil fell behind by

eight after the first period, 15-23,

as it failed to neutralize Dave Sa-

blan early. Sablan sizzled for 12

markers, while teammate Kevin

their offense heated up.

The cold weather brought

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players' safety.

Although he missed last year's

Sunga was one of 15 golfers from Guam that flew in to compete along with a pair from Ko-

Joining Sunga and Lee in the

Top 3 was Daryl Poe, who had a 151. Jong Won Lee and Jason Yi battled it out in a tiebreak for fourth place. Lee and Yi came

Fitial chipped in nine.

UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics hung on to the lead at halftime, 40-37, although Mobil began picking up its scoring in the second canto behind the 13 points of Jun Estolas.

Then in the third period, Bayani/Mobil managed to equalize, 62-all, as Estolas continued hitting his mark and Gyles Ruluked also found his rhythm after being held to only three field goals in the first half. Estolas and Ruluked combined for 15 points for Mobil in the third canto.

In the fourth quarter, Pete Lizama took over to complete Bayani/Mobil's recovery. Lizama was limited to only two points in the first period, but redeemed himself in the payoff canto, scoring 13

points to lead Bayani/Mobil's breakaway.

> UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics lost the lead and eventually the win, as it had only four players making it to the scoreboard and Sablan went cold in the final canto. The UPAA/ Docomo Hoopaholics gunner was limited to one field goal in the fourth period, while after scoring 15 points in the first three quarters, Fitial was held to a pair of free throws and one field goal. James Villacrusis was the lone UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics player to log more than two field goals in the payoff frame.

In contrast, Lizama got enough support from Estolas, Ruluked, and three other players in the fourth quarter to give Mobil it's second come-

CNMI in the 400m and 800m events in the 2010 Micronesian Games, is expected to run in the two middle distances races and the 400m hurdles in New Caledonia this month.

"It feels great to be representing the CNMI once again and I hope it won't be my last. The Pacific Games is more challenging than the Micro Games because there are more runners, so I will just keep my head up high and do my best in every race," the younger Dillay said.

Joining Dillay and Abrams in New Caledonia is Trevor Ogumoro, who will be competing in long and triple jump events in the Pacific Games.

"Our goal in the Pacific Games is to make the finals of every event our athletes participate in. If we win a medal, it will be great but I have to be realistic with our chances. This is another young group that will get a huge boost of experience from competing at this level," NMA head coach Elias Rangamar said.

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lot of weightlifting and building my body strength. On the track, I am mostly working on my sprinting techniques. I am thankful to my teammates and coaches because they all work hard to motivate me to become a better athlete," the Commonwealth sprinter said.

While Abrams looks up to a teammate and friend, Dillay is

drawing inspiration from his older brother, Dexter. The older Dillay represented the CNMI in field events in the 2006 Micronesian Games and 2007 Pacific Games and a couple of Oceania Association-sanc-Athletics tioned competitions. Dexter is now based in the mainland, serving in the military.

"Without my brother, I will not be a runner. I thanked him for his support and for making me love track," Douglas Dillay said.

Dillay, who raced for the

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## Weekend Sports

# UFO Bud Cup opening tops headlines

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he opening of the UFO Inter-Organi-Basketball zation Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup was the centerpiece event last week.

The open division of the United Filipino Organizationled competition drew nine teams with VisMinda/Satbahi recording the biggest win during the kick-off date after stunning defending champion

the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe. Other winners in the opening day were Cabalen/Noni and UPAA/Docomo Hoops. Then in the next two playing days at the TSL Sports Complex, Bayani/Mobil and NMBA/Mixed Blood also made it to the win column, while VisMinda notched its second win.

Still in basketball, the Blue Haus caging continued with its regular season games at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court. matches were Pacific Postal, Mawati, IFashion, Cell Pro, and Joeten.

Back at the TSL Sports Complex, Korean Futsal Team defeated Wild Bill's in the battle of unbeaten teams in the men's division of the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League. Also prevailing in other men's division games were Docomo, Mellow Yellow, Go Green, and Red Inter

In the women's division, Shirley's A remained unde-

MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt at Winning their respective feated in five games, while sister team Shirley's B also has a perfect 4-0 mark. Thai Team and Kulet's Team also won their separate matches last week.

In golf, Carl Hocog topped the Refaluwasch Golf Association August Ace qualifier, while the Tournament of Champions kicked off its 16th season with a cocktail party for its sponsors.

Other notable events last week were the Saipan Cyclers Association MTB & Road Race II, the naming of NMASA top

athletes for July, and the CNMI Team's departure for the 26th Summer Universiade.

Mieko Carey and Butch Sublemente ruled the MTB race of the SCA event. Other winners were Erico Cruz and Reginal Sebial (MTB short course), Erwin Calage and Claire Lanuza (beginners MTB course), and Willy Barbo and Juanita Fajardo (road course).

CNMI U15 National Team striker Jehn Joyner led the list of July's bests after getting the TSL Foundation/NMASA Male

Student Athlete of the Month. Joining the elite list were bowlers Paul Pangelinan and Gloria Omechelang, who were named Male and Female Athletes of the Month.

Swimmer Rezne Wong, biker Matt Mancao, and NMASA president Michael White comprised the CNMI delegates to the 26th Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, China. They left Saipan early Friday morning for the FISU-sanctioned tournament that will run from Aug. 11



A Korean Futsal Team striker is sandwiched by two Wild Bill's players during their game in a futsal league at the TSL Sports Complex



Shirley's A player, right, and an IT&E Blossom striker get ready for a header during their game in a futsal league at the TSL Sports Com-



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND Eighth Division's Dan Mateo, right, draws a foul from a Pacific Postal defender during their game in the Blue Haus caging last week at the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Alexander Bateman competes in the Saipan Cyclers Association MTB & Road Race II.



The CNMI's Jehn Joyner is seen here in action during their game against Hong Kong in last month's EAFF youth tournament in Taipei, Taiwan.



Cavite/Andok's Jon Artates, left, is hounded by Bayani/Mobil's Ron Gamboa during their game in the UFO Bud Cup caging at the TSL



MDX/Blue Haus Alex Lauron, center is double teamed by UPAA/Docomo Hoops' James Lee, left, and Walter Mendez during their game in the UFO Bud Cup caging at the TSL Sports Complex.







# Guam's Sunga bags third TOC title



From left, fifth placer Jason Yi, third placer Daryl Poe, champion Louie Sunga, runner-up Geon Ju Lee, and fourth placer Jong Won Lee pose for a group photo for the Championship Flight winners in the 16th Annual Tournament of Champions during the awards banquet held at Laolao Bay Golf Resort yesterday.

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

uam's Louie Sunga returned to the Tournament of Champions and regained the title in the Championship Flight of the rain-soaked competition over the weekend at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.



Sunga won the 2008 and 2009 editions of the TOC,

but missed last year's tournament. He came back this year to win his third title in four years. The Guam golfer shot a 1-under par 71 in the first round on Saturday and then carded a 2-over par 74 in

two-day total of 145. Sunga won by only one stroke against Korean golfer Geon Ju Lee, who carded a 1-over par 73 on both days.

"Naturally, it feels great to win three out of four over here. I always look forward to coming here because Laolao Bay is my favorite course. Actually, I thought the conditions were

the final round yesterday for a **See GUAM on Page 26** 





### Abrams, Dillay follow lead

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Runners Rachel Abrams and Douglas Dillay aimed to follow in the footsteps of known CNMI athletes and

give honor to the Commonwealth when they compete in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia later this month.

Abrams looks up to CNMI sprinter Yvonne Bennett, who holds both the Commonwealth and Micronesia's records in the 100m and 200m.

"Hopefully I do follow in her footsteps because she's a great athlete, teammate, and friend," said Abrams, who will race in sprint events in this year's Pacific Games.

The Marianas High School student's best time in the two sprints are 12.71 seconds

(100m) and 28.44 seconds (200m). Yvonne's CNMI and Micronesian marks stand at 12.52 seconds (100m) and 25.67 seconds (200m).

Abrams, who will also join the long jump event in New Caledonia, admitted she needs a lot of hard work to accomplish what Bennett did and she is thankful that Northern Marianas Athletics has given her the opportunity to compete in the Pacific Games and hone her skills.

"It feels really great that I will be representing the CNMI. This is the first time I will be going off island to compete for track and field, so I'm really excited and little bit nervous," said Abrams, who also suited up for the CNMI U15 National Team in the 2010 Micronesian Basketball Tournament in Palau two months ago.

"Right now, I am doing a See ABRAMS on Page 26

### Bayani/Mobil gains share of lead

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> Bayani/Mobil turned on the heat in the second half to beat UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics,

95-81, in the lone game played in the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup on Saturday night at the

TSL Sports Complex.

The victory was second in as many games for Bayani/ Mobil, putting Marvin Deocares' awards to a tie for first place with VisMinda/Satbahi. UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics fell to a 1-1 card.

Namfrel/Proa and Cabalen/ Noni were scheduled to duel in the second match of the night, but the game was cancelled

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Bayani/Mobil's Gyles Ruluked, seen here grabbing the rebound during their game against Cavite/Andok's, scored 22 points in their 95-81 win over UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics in the UFO Bud Cup caging last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

### NMASA plans to give team award By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

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Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association is considering giving

awards to teams during its selection of top performers of the month.

NMASA president Michael White said during the association's meeting last week that he will meet with the NMASA board and ask the members' opinion on the inclusion of teams to the athletes they recognized every month. NMASA honors only students (male and female) and adults (male and female) athletes.

The idea of adding a team

category was brought up after Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ed Salas detailed how the CNMI U15 National Team showed a much improved performance in last month's 2011 East Asian Football Federation U15 Youth Tournament in Taipei, Taiwan.

The CNMI strikers played strong in the last two days of the competition, losing to Guam by only three and then pulling off a historic 2-1 win over Macau. Before its 0-3 loss to Guam in Taipei, the CNMI suffered a 0-22 beating at the hands of its neighbor last year.

Salas said if given a choice, NMIFA intended to nominate the entire team for the Tan Siu

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